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The Recent Attack on the Life of the Emperor.

THE CZAR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

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RUSSIA.

THE CZAR GETTING FRIGHTENED.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The *Star's* London cablegram says: In consequence of the plot to assassinate the czar, the imperial palace has been placed under charge of secret police. Attendants of the imperial family are under strict surveillance, and guards consisting of picked men are replaced at outer entrances, in corridors and at approaches to the imperial apartments, and the lines of sentries are doubled. Specials represent that great excitement exists throughout Russia. A large number of domiciliary visits were made to private residences of government officers and merchants and extensive seizures of documents effected. Evidence is accumulating that the conspiracy is more dangerous than ever discovered in Russia before. Among the documents of the students on whose persons bombs were found, was one of them declaring that a revolutionary proclamation would shortly be issued and calling on the people to rise in defense of their liberty and establish a government based on the will of the nation. In Vienna it is the general opinion that the discovery of the plot has immensely strengthened the Russian war party.

STUDENTS ARRESTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 16.—The *Official Messenger* publishes the following: Sunday last, at 11 o'clock in the morning, three students of the St. Petersburg university were arrested in Newsky prospect, having in their possession bombs. The prisoners admitted that they belonged to a secret criminal society. The bombs found on them were charged with dynamite, and each bomb was arranged to throw eleven balls, and all these balls were filled with strychnine.

The czar and czarina came back from Gatschina to St. Petersburg yesterday morning, and attended a ball given by Grand Duke Vladimir, and returned to Gatschina in the evening.

THE STUDENTS CARRIED POISON.

LONDON, March 16.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that two of the six persons arrested on the Newski prospect are quite young and that the two others appear to belong to the peasant class. All six carried poison and it is presumed that they intended to commit suicide in the event of their arrest, but were deprived of the chance by the suddenness of their capture. Twenty-five students of Bestuchiff institute are among those arrested in connection with the plot.

RUSSIA MUST FIGHT.

BERLIN, March 16.—The *Post* takes a gloomy view of the plot to assassinate the czar, and says: "With terror and regret we say that Europe must prepare to see Russia adopt a policy taking shape either in fantastic resignation or frantic adventure, and the latter is more probable. It will require superhuman effort on the part of the czar to oppose the tempest of voices calling for war as a remedy for Russia's woes."

THE QUEEN CONGRATULATES.

LONDON, March 16.—Queen Victoria has sent a telegram to the czar, congratulating him upon his escape. The Prince of Wales visited the Russian ambassador and expressed the grief of Lionelf and the Princess of Wales that such an attempt had been made on the life of the czar and congratulations upon the czar's escape.

CONGRATULATES THE CZAR'S ESCAPE.

LONDON, March 15.—Baron de Staal, Russian ambassador at London, has received from all diplomatic agents in London and from Prime Minister Salisbury expressions of congratulation on the czar's escape from assassination last Sunday and of horror over the plot against his life.

ARRESTS CONTINUE.

LONDON, March 16.—A dispatch from Berlin to the *Standard* says that four additional arrests have been made of persons having explosives in their possession.

GERMANY.

INTERESTING GERMAN NOTES.

BERLIN, March 16.—The church bill, as passed by the commission of the eberhaus, grants religious orders restitution of their properties. The report of the commission will be placed before the chamber on Thursday next. The measure fails to conciliate the center party, at whose final demands it had been formulated by Dr. Windthorst. Those that have permission accorded in the bill to form bishoprics are Limburg and Osnabruck, and will be extended to other dioceses, including Cologne, Breslau, Munster and Ermel, and that the bill shall strictly limit and define the powers of the state to veto clerical appointments, and that discretionary powers of the minister of worship over the re-entry of religious orders be declined and limited. Dr. Windthorst declares there can be no peace between church and state unless these demands shall be conceded.

It is reported Emperor William on receiving the French general, Marquis D'Abaops, said: "Tell your compatriots that there is no danger of war, and so long as I live I shall use my influence to maintain peace. God will soon call me to himself. I do not wish to leave my people a heritage of blood. Germany shares my desire for good will with the French."

Letters from Prague refer to the earthquake around Pezibram and say the village of Birkenberg was destroyed, the inhabitants taking refuge in Prague.

THE EMPEROR TO PROCLAIM.

LONDON, March 16.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* says it is reported that Emperor William, on his birthday, will proclaim Crown Prince Frederick William co-regent, with consent of the bundesrath.

Karl von Bansen, son of the late Chevalier von Bansen, is dead.

EXPLOSION IN A STONE QUARRY.

LONDON, March 16.—A disastrous explosion of dynamite occurred to-day in a stone quarry at Lobositz, Bohemia. All men at work in the quarry at the time were blown to atoms.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

KALAKAUA WANTS A LOAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Private advices from Honolulu state that difficulties have arisen in the matter of floating a two million dollar loan desired by King Kalakaua. Letters have been received at Honolulu from Messrs. Mathewson, Skinner & Co., agents, who were to raise the funds in London and who prefer claims for extraordinary expenses that were never heard of, and ask a 5 per cent. additional commission, and hope to secure the loan in the future. They make excuses for delay in sending money by saying that they fear "the money may be impounded in San Francisco." Although this loan was to be made in American money they would prefer pay for it in English gold, if they pay it at all. To sum up their letters were of such an unsatisfactory nature and so much at variance with the contract first agreed upon that there are not a few who declare that the loan never should have been nor will be floated by the parties having it in hand. On the heels of this the king has decided to call an extra session of the national assembly, and there are many reasons given for this move, but his highness keeps his own counsel. It is said by some that he intends calling for a new loan of $6,000,000.

ITALY.

PAPAL EXPLOSIVES.

ROME, March 16.—Cardinal Pecci, the pope's brother, received the new cardinals to-day, and accompanied them to the throne room, where the pope conferred upon them smoretta and crimson beretta. Cardinal Massella addressed the pope, who replied. In the morning the vatican messenger went to the residences of Cardinals Gibbons and Taschereau, and other members of the sacred college, to notify them that the public consistory would be held to-morrow. On Thursday the new cardinals will receive their hats.

HEAVY SNOW STORMS.

VENICE, March 16.—The city and province of Venice have been visited by severe snow storms, which have caused a complete suspension of railway traffic. An engine and party of workmen sent out from Venice to clear the railway tracks were compelled to abandon the task. The snow is five feet deep, and telegraph lines are almost entirely prostrated. Nine barges loaded with iron sank in Grand canal during the storm.

CANADA.

ANOTHER FISHERIES SCHOONER.

OTTAWA, March 16.—Another addition to the fisheries protection fleet was made to-day. The department of marine and fisheries chartered the Sheburne, a fast sailing schooner, of 105 tons burden, to be used as cruiser this summer.

FRANCE.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

TOULON, March 16.—To-day M. Aubargat, conductor of orchestra at the Grand theater, quarreled with his mistress, an actress named Lery, and shot her dead just as she was buying a ticket at the railway station going from the city. The murderer then threw himself beneath the passenger train and was crushed to death.

CHINESE TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.

PARIS, March 16.—M. Constans, French minister to China, announces that the Chinese government has authorized the joining of the Annamite and Chinese telegraph system.

INDIA.

FOR MORAL SUPPORT.

CALCUTTA, March 16.—The Indian government intends to station a force on the frontier in the Pishin district to morally support the ameer of Afghanistan.

ENGLAND.

HEAVY FAILURE.

LONDON, March 16.—Stewart Bros., slate and timber merchants, have failed. Liabilities said to be $500,000.

AUSTRIA.

DEATH OF A MATHEMATICIAN.

VIENNA, March 16.—Herr Spitzer, the renowned mathematician, was found dead in bed to-day.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

THE "BALD KNOBBERS."

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—Advices from Christian county state that excitement is running high there over the recent tragedy near Spark, in which Charles Green and William Eden were shot down in cold blood by the alleged "Bald Knobbers," an organization similar to the ku-klux. Every effort is being made to ferret out the perpetrators of the brutal outrage, and three persons have already been arrested, and nine more expected to be captured to-day. The people all live in the immediate vicinity, and are said to have been engaged in other lawless acts. Their preliminary examination will be held in a day or two. All protest their innocence.

BOODLE ALDERMAN.

NEW YORK, March 16.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to have the trial of Alderman Cleary, which is now progressing before Judge Barrett in the court of oyer and terminer, taken out of the hands of that judge and removed to another court. The counsel for Cleary made the application to Judge Patterson, in the supreme court chambers. Judge Patterson refused to grant the order, on the ground that the case was already actually on trial. The petition charged local prejudice and intimated also that Judge Barrett was prejudiced against the defendant.

CHICAGO'S EMBEZZLERS.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Five county officials, arrested last night on indictments charging them with conspiracy to defraud and embezzlement of county funds, were in the criminal court this morning. Warden McGarrigle, of the county hospital, and Warden Varnell, of the county insane asylum, and Edward McDonald, engineer at the county hospital, were admitted to bail in the sum of $30,000 each. The employes Connolly and Dalcoll were admitted to bail in $10,000 each.

SING "YANKEE DOODLE."

NEW YORK, March 16.—The *Commercial Advertiser*, in an editorial to-day what it calls an alarming increase of foreign influence which threatens to overthrow the republic, says it is time for Americans to cease to the danger and adopt measures for its removal. It is time to sing "Yankee Doodle" and not be ashamed of singing it. It is time to rebuke and retire those politicians whose chief ordinance is to placate the foreign element,—by which we do not mean those foreigners who in good faith become Americans, but those who simply come to America to be foreigners still in their ideas and language and aspirations. Perhaps it is time to amend our naturalization laws in such a way as to make naturalization what its name suggests.

PROBABLE MEXICAN TROUBLE.

NOGALES, Arizona, March 16.—The authorities here fear a conflict with Mexican soldiers at any moment. Deputy Sheriff Speedy and Constable Littlepage were at an American saloon a short distance across the Mexican line, to-day, when four Mexican customs officers entered, and abusive language, and at a signal drew pistols. One of the Mexicans fired, the ball grazing the head of an American named Spence. The American officers escaped. Gov. Torres had the man who fired arrested, but he was soon released. There are fifty Mexican soldiers stationed within 100 yards of the line, and no United States troops here. The situation is serious.

NEW COMMANDERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Capt. Riggins, formerly of the steamer Orizaba, has gone to Port Townsend to take command of the steamer Idaho, bound to Sitka, Alaska.

Capt. Carroll, of the latter vessel, has gone to Portland to take command of the steamer Olympia, which is being prepared there for summer excursions to Alaska.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS NORTH AND SOUTH

A Contrast in the President's Action in Vetoing and Approving Bills.

Washington Special to New York World.

The president vetoed the appropriation for a public building at Lafayette, Ind. This is the first veto of an appropriation for a public building in any Northern state which was carried for Cleveland. The majority of his vetoes of public buildings have been in towns which opposed him. A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette* has prepared the following statement concerning the veto and approval of public buildings bills under the Cleveland administration:

During the lifetime of the forty-ninth congress and his sojourn in the White house Mr. Cleveland has approved eight public building bills, all from the south, and vetoed eight, all from the north except one. Ohio had three bills for public buildings—at Zanesville, Dayton and Portsmouth. These were all vetoed. During the last fiscal year Ohio paid into the treasury $12,921,249 10, while Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas, fourteen southern states, paid into $10,558,861 01; that is, Ohio alone paid into the treasury over $2,000,000 more than all those southern states combined, and in fact all the southern states combined, leaving out Kentucky with the revenue she pays on whiskey. She pays above $16,000,000 on that article, and the effects of it costs the country untold millions in money and misery, and suffering incalculable.

"The president does not look to Ohio for any help in obtaining his re-election, but he does look to and cater to and sell his patronage to the ex-Confederate states and New York in the most open and glaring manner. Consider the following statement, which might be made much fuller and more elaborate, with much more telling effect: Bills approved during the first session for public buildings by the president were for the following cities, with population given under the census of 1880: San Antonio, Tex., $20,000; population, 20,550; income of the postoffice, net, $7,381 20. El Paso, Tex., $200,000; population, 2000 or 3000; income of postoffice, $7,584 20. Jacksonville, Fla., $150,000; population, 7650; postoffice income, net, $24,012. Savannah, Ga., $200,000; population, 30,709; postoffice net income, $40,785 77. The following bills were vetoed: One from Duluth, Minn.; one for Ashville, N. C., $80,000, population less than 2000, postoffice income, net, $2153 56; Springfield, Mo., population 6522, postoffice income $10,936 28; Zanesville, Ohio, $100,000, population 18,113, postoffice income, net, $13,231 48; one from Sioux City, Iowa, $100,000, population 7366, postoffice income, net, $20,316 32; Dayton, Ohio, $150,000, population 38,678, postoffice income, net, $33,344 41.

"During the second session the following bills were approved: Huntsville, Ala., population 4977, postoffice income, net, $3,956 17; Augusta, Ga., population 21,891, postoffice income, net, $17,379 50; Owensboro, Ky., $50,000, population, 6231, postoffice income, net, $5878 18; Houston, Tex., $75,000, population 16,000, postoffice income, net, $12,708 03. Bills vetoed: Lynn, Mass., population 39,000, postoffice income, net, $25,587 49; Portsmouth, Ohio, $50,000, population 11,321, postoffice income $7,155 87.

In some of his vetoes the president lays stress upon the fact that no United States court is held in the town where it is proposed to erect the public building, and he approved bills for Augusta, Ga., Houston, Tex., and Owensboro, Ky., where no courts are held. Houston, Tex., has a postoffice only, while Dayton has a postoffice and collector of internal revenue. Lynn, like Houston, has a postoffice only, but a present population of 50,000, and the net in come of its postoffice is over $25,000, while that of Houston is only $12,000.

"The little dead-and-alive towns of the South get their bills for public buildings promptly signed, while the live and flourishing cities of the North are as promptly treated to a veto. Owensboro, with her 6000 or 7000 people, gets her $50,000 for a public building, while the cities of Dayton and Zanesville, with a population enormously increased over the census report of 1880, are refused in vetoes containing some coarse jests after the manner of the president's very funny sarcasms in his pension vetoes, when he never neglected a chance to have a little fun at the expense of the applicant."

MINING DEPARTMENT.

Observations upon Mining Development in the Northwest.

A Revival in Mining—What our Neighbors are Doing—The Incidental News of the Week—Correspondence.

THE CALIFORNIA MINING BUREAU.

This office is indebted to Mr. Wm. Irelan, Jr., state mineralogist of California, for a copy of his annual report for the year ending June 1, 1886. It is in two parts; the first by Henry G. Hanks, Esq., who retired from the office of state mineralogist on May 30, of last year, and the second, by the present incumbent. Their respective parts in this report illustrate the widely different modes of work and opposing views of two very unlike individuals. Mr. Hanks, a very capable man, a scientist of no mean attainments and of unflinching industry, always turned his attention chiefly to the scientific aspect of things and wrote voluminously upon the local mineralogy, and, to some extent, the geology, ethnology and botany of California. Mr. Irelan, if one may judge by his work, is of a more severely practical turn, and disregards the abstractions of science, while giving attention to the every-day matters with which one in his position may be supposed to deal. For example, his report contains detailed descriptions of some of the principal quartz mines and mills of his state—a very valuable contribution, of which this paper will soon avail itself.

The California mining bureau, of which the state mineralogist is the head, has been in existence for some six years, during which it has performed a great deal of valuable work, part of which entitles it to be considered the legitimate successor of the famous geological survey of California, which was suspended in 1873. The bureau collects information upon mines and mineral deposits and the modes of working them, and disseminates this information in three ways: first, by the establishment of a state museum of minerals, ores, rocks and building stones, to which the public may resort; second, by correspondence with private citizens or others who may desire information upon particular matters dealt in by the bureau; and third, by the printing of annual reports like the one before us, which covers a great deal of ground and contains a vast deal of information relating to the mines and mining interests of California. Such information as this is accessible in no other form, and the state of California in causing it to be disseminated is doing a valuable work. Of particular value in the last report is the alphabetical list of mineral species found in California, 160 in number, prepared by Mr. Hanks, and the statistics of quartz mining, by Mr. Irelan. Work like this will commend itself to every one, and the unavoidable reflection that comes to the inhabitants of Oregon is, why cannot this state also provide a department for the collection and dissemination of information relating to our own matchless mineral resources. It need not be said that California spends more upon similar work in a month than this state ever gave for all scientific purposes whatever.

A REVIVAL IN MINING.

It is a matter for congratulation that the business men of Portland are getting awake to the importance of the mining interests and the possibilities of money making in that line. The Coeur d'Alene miners and prospectors, lately so contemptuous of our moneyed men, have begun to speak of Portland with respect, and rank this town among the foremost in appreciation of their almost unparalleled mines. The principal properties owned or controlled by Portlanders are: On the South Fork, the Sierra Nevada silver-lead mines, which is reported to be a property rich enough to be called a good mine in any district, Messrs. Church, DeLashmutt, Knowles, Goldsmith and a number of others own it. Near it is the Tyler, also reputed a good property, owned by Messrs. Honeyman and others. The Stemwinder, a recent purchase by Messrs. DeLashmutt, Knowles, Moreland, Goodsell, Monahan and others, who have incorporated under the title of the Stemwinder Mining company. This claim is located adjoining the Bunker Hill on the north side, and between it and the town of Wardner. The Tyler lies up on the steep hill west of Wardner, and the Sierra Nevada still further west and about two miles distant by the trade. Portland capital is said to be interested in the Richmond, an important claim adjoining the Bunker Hill on the south.

On the North fork, in the quartz region, several Portlanders forming the Margaret Mining company, have a series of claims upon Bald mountain. A preliminary 40-stamp mill controls the Fanny claim on Trail gulch, and has a large interest in the W. J. Hawkins claim near Murray. There are still other investors from this city who have already put money in the Coeur d'Alene mines, and a great many more will follow. If the purchasers have not exaggerated the facts, there has been no less a sum than $150,000 of Portland capital already expended in the purchase of mining property in the Coeur d'Alenes.

As for Southern Oregon, a region which in recent years has fallen into neglect, the edge of the mining boom has reached even there, and more real progress in mining has been made, especially in Josephine county, than has ever before taken place, although nothing important has been done excepting by the aid of Portland capital. The newly incorporated Grave Mountain Mining company is operating upon Cow creek. The St. Peter's Mining company, a still newer corporation, have a most promising prospect, or series of prospects, upon the divide between Grave and Coyote creeks; the Green mine on Galice creek is being worked; and the Swinden and Knott mines at Gold Hill are in process of working. All the capital employed in these various undertakings, which make up almost the entire sum of the effective mining work in Southern Oregon, is furnished by residents of this city.

LOW-GRADE QUARTZ.

For some years the great Ho mestake, Father DeSmet and other gold quartz mines in the Black Hills have been instanced frequently as the best examples of the successful working of quartz of a very low grade. There are, however, mines in California which as far as economy and the rigid extraction of every possible cent go, far outrank these great mining properties. For instance: The cost of milling at the Sierra Buttes mill of sixty stamps is but 37½ cents per ton, which includes concentrating the sulphurets on the twenty-four Frue vanners; at the Eagle Bird mill, twenty stamps, it costs 55 cents; at the Delhi, eight stamps of 1000 pounds each, 60 cents; at the Empire, forty stamps, 75 cents; while at the Stewart, forty stamps, the minimum is reached in an expense of 20 cents per ton for crushing, amalgamating and concentrating. These statistics are from the report of the state mineralogist of California, whose readers are informed that at the Zelle mine the ore, after carefully hand-sorting, assays, sulphurets and all, only $1 per ton, and this, after being crushed and concentrated in a fine forty-stamp mill, yields a working profit. Such favorable results doubtless were never attained elsewhere, and it is possible that there may be no error in the accounts. Comparing the corresponding expenses of the Black Hills mills, we find the Homestake mills, aggregating two hundred stamps, in 1885 crushed and ran pulp at a cost of $1 01 per ton, and in 1886 at 78 cents per ton; and the Caledonia, of eighty stamps, 36 cents. The conclusion then is that the California quartz mills, though working on a perceptibly smaller scale, are conducted in a really more economical manner. This opinion is to some extent modified by the fact that many of them, like the Sierra Buttes and Plumas Eureka, have free water power, while the mills in the Black Hills are mainly propelled by steam.

MINING IN AMERICA AND ABROAD.

The quartz mill is an invention of English origin and was imported into America in the fifties, when lode mining began in California and the Southern states. The English—or rather, the Cornish—stamp battery was a rough, unsmooth and ineffective contrivance, barely enough to be distinctively English, and having been in use for not more than a century or two in the British Isles, had not evolved from the primitive form of square wooden stems, square shoes, and a mortar with wooden sides, having an overflow instead of screens. Within a few years American originality, acting upon this unsightly thing, has evolved the efficient, durable and handy mill as used to-day, substituting iron for wood and deep castiron mortars for the ugly English boxes, and, in short, improving every part and so bringing up the efficiency of the whole machine that the American stamp mill is in use in every mining country on earth where milling ores are found, and even the English themselves, conservative as they are, have come to acknowledge their superiority—a superiority which, by the way, extends to every kind of mining, milling an smelting machinery. There is a mine in Venezuela, South America, which has the reputation of being the richest gold mine in the world. This mine, called El Callao, produces a million dollars annually, from fine gold quartz, whose average assay per ton is five and one-half ounces gold, worth about $110, which has until lately been crushed in a sixty-stamp mill of English make, and the milling cost no less than $11 19 per ton. Very recently an American forty-stamp mill was set up, and its first effect was to reduce the cost of milling to $2 and to cause the old mill to be closed up for good.

All the foreign mining engineers who wish to learn how ores are successfully milled come to the Western mining countries for the information, and the most advanced even of the English corporations secure the services of American-bred engineers to take charge of their mining properties. The best foreign practice has begun to be based upon American experience. Our machinery is copied by all, and our processes are superseding those of older but less inventive nations. The English, who subsisted for centuries without improving the old Cornish stamping device, have received the modern stamp mill from the hands of its improvers, the American miners, and have out-Heroded Herod in schemes for further improvements. To specify an instance: An all-metal stamp battery having an iron frame has been proposed of late, and is figured in *Engineering*. Its characteristic features are a mortar elevated two feet above ground and supported upon rolled iron posts; oblique brace in front and back; screw conveyors to carry off the pulp; locked covers which fold over the screens; three keys to each tappet instead of two, the usual number; and finally the whole battery rests upon horizontal iron rails, which support all the weight and take all the strain. The whole device is such as might be expected to emanate from the minds of people who possessed good powers of imitation, but had never seen a quartz mill in operation. This instance is one of many which go to support the proposition that if there are no good constructors of reliable and successful mining machinery save Americans. As to metallurgical processes, this country is ahead of the world. Whereas twenty years ago a young metallurgist's education was not considered complete without a visit of two or three years' duration in Germany to study at Freiberg and among the mines and furnaces of the Harz mountains, no American at present derives any profit from going there, unless, indeed, he learns "how not to do it." Those who go to learn return to laugh at antiquated German modes, which oftenest "put the cart before the horse." Thus our fellow-countryman Prof. Egleston, in reviewing the processes in vogue in Oker, Saxony, found nothing to remark of them save to condemn the conservatism which retains the laborious customs of a hundred years past. Emphatically and indisputably the Freiberger has lost his grip; his prestige has departed, and the men who follow modern American methods have come to the front. This much the noisy quartz mill itself can teach.

MINING NEWS.

SOUTHERN OREGON.

Jacksonville *Times*: Work has been suspended at the quartz mill near the Swinden ledge, there being no more quartz on the dump. Operations will be resumed as soon as the roads improve.

WHISKY CREEK.

The players on this creek are attracting considerable attention at present in Douglas and Josephine counties from the quantity of coarse gold taken from the bed of the creek by the few miners who have been at work there for the past six months. This creek is about twelve miles long and is situated in the extreme northwest corner of Josephine county. It empties into Rogue river about seven miles below the mouth of Grave creek, and is a stream of considerable size for at least six months in the year. There are numerous high bars along the creek that prospect well, but all work so far done has been confined to the bed of the stream. The gold found is all in smooth, coarse pieces, weighing from $1 to $100. Several parties have made as high as $30 and $100 per week, but this is considerable beyond the average. Some little ground sluicing has been done, but the pan and rocker are the favorites. There are eight men on the creek at present who have taken out about $6000 altogether. The miners purchase their supplies at Riddle, at which place they take the freight train as far as West Fork station, arriving there early enough in the day to admit of their walking to the creek, a distance of twelve miles, before dark. The passenger trains arrive at West Fork at night and as there are no accommodations there for travelers the freight train is patronized in preference. There is now considerable show on the divide between West Fork and Whisky creek which has cut off all communication for the past month.

MYRTLE CREEK.

The Catching Bros. are engaged in mining on this creek, about sixteen miles above the town of Myrtle Creek. Their claim is on a hill and is worked with pipe and giant. Their pay dirt is decomposed quartz and mountain rock, showing no signs of "wash." The bedrock is granite. The pay is found about evenly distributed all through the dirt and is in "porous" pieces showing no sign of abrasion. Pieces of float quartz are occasionally found in the claim that show gold without the aid of a glass.

Dr. McCurdy has a quartz claim a short distance from Catching's claim and expects to strike a bonanza in it.

EAST OREGON.

Baker *Democrat*: The Rye valley placer mines are owned and worked by the New England Gold Mining company, a corporation composed of Boston capitalists, whose interests here are looked after by John W. Drew, in the capacity of superintendent, being one of the owners himself. These mines were purchased a few years since by the New England company from Messrs. Powers, Odell & Fernald, who worked the mines for many seasons. The placers of Rye valley are almost inexhaustible, and from grass-roots to bedrock the gravel beds are covered with the shining metal. The mines this spring commenced operations under the most favorable circumstances. Everything is in thorough working order, and the company are now using seven heads of water, more than any other placers in Oregon, and six "Little Giant" hydraulics are kept constantly playing.

John Cahell, of the Bellevue mine, has returned from the East, and says many mining men are coming this way in the spring to look for favorable properties.

Speaking of the Bonanza mine, in the vicinity of Parker's station, on the road from Baker City to Canyon City, the *Democrat* says: The working force of the mine numbers thirty employes, and the development work consists of a shaft at the southeast end of the 1500-foot location and a tunnel at the southwest end of 250 feet in length, running on and following a three-foot vein of exceedingly rich gold ore. The mine is supplied with a ten-stamp mill and Gedge plate concentrator, and at the time of Mr. Frazier's departure from the mine the mill and concentrator were in full operation and meeting the fullest expectation of its owners and managers.

Development work on other mines in the vicinity of the Bonanza is progressing steadily along, and from present indications there will be numerous other mills in operation in the district before the summer is over.

EAST WASHINGTON.

It is reported that a stock company has been organized in New York, with a capital stock of $150,000, for the purpose of putting in smelting and reducing works at Colville, Washington territory, in the spring. Fifty thousand dollars have been subscribed and the certainty of the work is assured.

Yakima *Signal*: The Kittitas Milling, Mining and Smelting company have probably some of the richest mines on the Pacific coast. The average of several assays on the croppings is over $300 per ton. The ledge is a fissure vein, twenty feet in width and over three miles long, incased in solid granite walls.

The Spokane Falls *Chronicle* announces the immediate erection of a smelter in the neighborhood of that city and claims that Senator John P. Jones is among the backers of the new institution. The machinery will consist of a twenty-ton stack with appurtenances and is said to be already on the way. The location is not yet decided upon, but will doubtless be in the Colville country. The company promises not to confine its actions to one particular region, but to extend itself over the entire Northwest if its preliminary operations prove successful. The initiatory moves will be made when the superintendent, Mr. Vivinan, arrives, the intention being to erect sampling works and proceed to purchase ores. It will be recollected that THE OREGONIAN, in a late issue, advised the erection of a sampling mill at the Falls, and it is more than likely that the new company have taken their cue from its remarks.

Recognized her Dog.

Chicago Tribune.

She had advertised for the return of her dog, and it was a longhaired skye terrier—a regular valuable the roughbreed. The reward was to be ten shillings. A stalwart Celt came timidly forward and asked if that was the dog. Being answered affirmatively and paid the reward, the affection of the lady, who blessed and hugged her "poor, dear, darling little Dandy," attracted his attention, and the following skirmish ensued: "Where did you find the darling?" Small comfort would it do you, madam, did I tell you" "But tell me while I caress the angel." "I can't tell you, because you wouldn't like it." "But dear, darling Dandy—was Dandy cold?" "Shure, madam, I don't know. I saw your advertisement in the paper, and I recognized him tied to the end of a long stick, and a woman a-washin' of winders wid him. I told her she must shtop a-washin' of winders wid my dog."

Found of his Stomach.

Oregon City Enterprise.

Our chief executive is evidently fond of his stomach. He refused to visit the capitol during the last hours of the session, as all of his predecessors have done, but finally did so, thus saving the bill which provides for the kitchen table of the White house from defeat. Verily the stomach is a small organ, yet it controls to a great extent the movements of the head.

LINCOLN COUNTY, W. T.

Various Questions of an Intending Settler Answered.

Fine Grain Land—Wide Stock Ranges—The Conditions and Attractions of the County Admirably Set Forth.

Spokane Falls Chronicle.

This county contains 2530 square miles and is generally regarded as one of the finest agricultural portions of Washington territory. The greater portion of it is wheat land, the soil consisting of a dark rich loam of from eighteen to thirty inches it depth, composed of alluvial deposits and decomposed vegetable matter, together with slight admixture of decomposed lava. Underlying this is a subsoil of clay. This soil is exceedingly prolific and the grazing lands are such that Lincoln county has considerable prominence as a stock-growing county. It is bounded on the east by Spokane county, on the west by Douglas county, on the north by the Columbia and Spokane rivers, and on the south by Adams and Whitman counties; and as will be seen by consulting the map includes the better portion of the famous Big Bend country, about which so much has been written by tourists and correspondents. The Big Bend is unquestionably one of the finest agricultural regions in the world. Lincoln county was organized in November, 1883. At that time there were only 2500 inhabitants. There are now over 6000, as shown by the assessor's returns. The assessed valuation of property is stated as $2,816,570. The total value of school houses, $15,000. Number of school children, 2740. A new court house of modest proportions and small cost is now in course of erection.

SPRAGUE

The county seat, is a thriving town of 1500 inhabitants. It is located in the southeastern portion of the county, on the line of the Northern Pacific railway. The headquarters of the Idaho division of the road are permanently located here, with the machine shops and car shops. All trains passing through either way halt here half an hour. Sprague is well located for a trade center and shipping point, and is destined to become a place of considerable importance as an inland commercial center. Large numbers of horses, cattle, logs and sheep are brought here for shipment to the East and to Portland. Grain, from the adjacent counties of Whitman, Spokane, Adams and Douglas. It is also the transfer depot for the troops and military supplies of this department; the greater portion of the troops being situated at Fort Spokane, in this county, at the junction of the Spokane and Columbia rivers, fifty miles north of Sprague. This place shows a fine array of business houses, four large general stores, with stocks of general merchandise which will aggregate $60,000. A large number of grocery and provision stocks, hardware stores, furniture stores, notion stores, millinery stocks, one book and stationery store, two tobacco and liquor houses, four hotels, three livery stables, laundries, etc. Two grain warehouses and a large brewery. There is also a good market for grain as at any place on the Pacific slope. Sprague has good access on account of good roads which lead in here from all directions. Good roads are easily made in this country and when properly constructed need but little repair. They are never rough or miry, and enormous loads of grain are hauled in wagons with comparative ease. There are several promising new towns already making rapid progress, and nearly all of which have daily mails. The principal places are Davenport, Harrington, Concord and Sherman. Each of these towns is located in the midst of fertile grain farming country, and is surrounded with thriving settlements. All of the towns in Lincoln county offer splendid opportunities to good business men with capital.

For the information of many inquirers the following itemized notes relating to improvements, living, etc., etc., are here briefly given: Rails are chiefly used for fencing on most tracts within five or ten miles of timber. Barbed wire is coming into common use and is a large extent. Fence posts cost from 3 cents to 5 cents. Fencing lumber from $10 to $15 per 1000 feet. Barbed wire, 7 and 8 cents per pound. Clear dressed building lumber, $20 to $30 per 1000. Shingles, $3 to $4 per M00. Small native horses, $50 to $100 a span.

Large horses, weighing 1100 to 1300, $160 to $180 per span.

Harness, plows, wagons and other farm implements range in price according to quality, and consequently the same as the older states.

Cattle range in price as low as the older states. Yearlings from $12 to $16. Two-year-olds from $18 to $25. Cows from $25 to $35. Sheep, accordng to the season. Before shearing from $2 50 to $3 50. After shearing from $1 50 to $2 50.

There are yet plenty of vacant government lands, and quite desirable, within a short distance of market points for the sale of produce and cattle, subject to entry under the land laws.

There are a great many fine tracts of railroad land, still within easy reach, at $5 50 to $5 per acre. This can be bought on long time at a low rate of interest.

Anyone intending to make a start here in farming should have at least $500 in cash or a pretty fair outfit of horses, cattle, provisions and farm implements.

The foregoing has been set forth in as brief and comprehensive a manner as possible, without exaggeration, and in answer to the ordinary inquiries: "What are the chances out there for business, or for getting a start?" "what can I find to do out there?" we would say:

Eastern Washington offers the best opportunities for men willing to work on land that are to be found in the West.

To professional men, insurance agents, loan agents, clerks, bookkeepers, or any who want to live by light indoor labor, or by their wits, this country offers less opportunity than any one section on the coast.

This is not the place for usurers, nor for speculators who come merely to buy and hold, or to loan. Improve a little and leave, but is the place for actual home-seekers who come to abide and develop the country. The kind that is most needed, and that we are eager to have come in, is small farmers with a little money capital, manufacturers and men who have been bred to business and only desire to make their business a living.

Remember that in Eastern Washington there are no long winters, no terrific thunderstorms, no cyclones, no strikes, no boycotts. All is peaceful, hopeful and serene.

MR. ROSS AGAIN.

PASCO, March 16.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

In Mrs. Dunlway's communication, dated March 7, published in THE OREGONIAN, I am called by a name entirely new to me, when she speaks of me as a "pleasemonger." During my almost twenty years' residence in this territory I have been called by many different names, some of them more uncomplimentary than others, but now for the first time am called a "pleasemonger." Of course, she means it as a compliment, and as such it is gracefully received. She also uses the name of "statesman" in agreeably close proximity to my name, and thus fills a long felt want in my anatomy. No one ever called me that before, and I would be wholly happy, but for the torturing fear that after writing these gratifying little nothings she may have sung:

"I please 'em, and don't hurt me,
For I'm the jolliest girl that's out."

But she does make mistakes sometimes. For instance, she says that I "rush into print to defend Judges Langford and Turner in their infamous attempt to destroy the rights of a free people by buying the entire blame, Admirable, upon a woman." Mrs. Dunlway and myself are both "in print" to some extent. My excuse is that the laws under discussion are laws of this territory; the decisions under consideration are the decisions of our territorial courts; the women sought to be enfranchised by one of these laws and then disfranchised by one of these decisions, are Washington territory women, and I am a Washington territory man. My wife has voted here a number of times, and I have never been able to see, though "pleasemonger" and "statesman," Mrs. Dunlway may dub me, that she has shown less judgment in casting her ballot than I have done. The ballot has been wrested from her, but I still, at best I may, maintain her right to be my equal in political matters, as in all things else.

Now, Mrs. Dunlway, what is your excuse for "rushing into print?" So far from attempting to defend Judges Langford and Turner, the only comment made which could give an idea as to my opinion of the decision is wherein I speak of the decision as one that has brought "notoriety, if not fame, to the judges promulgating it." I should have called these judges walleyed bycyclists, rat-haunted idiots, sweet-necked lunatics and statesmen and pleasemongers of the deepest dye, in order to stand solid with my sharp-nailed critic of Portland. I purposely avoided discussing the matter from a legal standpoint out of tenderness of feeling for Mrs. Dunlway, for she has abundantly shown to all but herself that she does not shine when she tackles a law point—witness her late effervescence on writs of mandamus. As to the alleged likeness in myself with my somewhat remote ancestor, Adam, I can say nothing, as he died before I can recollect, but presume Mrs. D. speaks of her own personal recollection of the old man. As for my alleged "laying the blame for women's disfranchisement on a woman," I will say that a certain woman, of whom Mrs. Dunlway's avoirdupois, had claimed about all the glory of enfranchising women, and when the court decided that women never had legally been entitled to vote here, then these claims fell to the ground of their own weight.

She declares the local option law to be unconstitutional, but my failure in her doctrine on legal matters is weak. Let the lady stick to facts like a veritable Gradgrind, but never tackle law. Judge Langford decided against this law, Judge Turner in favor. It was also believed that Judges Greene and Hoyt would sustain the law. Had a case involving the validity of that law gone up to the supreme court we should probably have a decision in the affirmative by the last three judges, Judges Langford and Dunlway dissenting. She accuses me of lacking patriotism, because I am not "indulging in humiliation, indignation and sorrow" because, in short, the disfranchising decision was rendered in a case arising under the gambling law instead, I presume, of some case that might have arisen under the local option law. She says that Judge Turner held the local option law valid "for the evidently premeditated purpose of bringing additional odium upon the woman suffrage cause among the men who, in large majority are and always will and ought to be opposed to being ruled by women or anybody else, through arbitrary infringement of their personal liberties." That is a pretty large mouthful for an suffragist to bite off. If Judge Turner's decision holding the law valid would cast odium on woman suffrage, then may we not infer that Judge Langford's adverse decision would counteract this effect of Judge Turner's decision, and thereby remove that odium? Verily Mrs. Dunlway's logic is liable to tangle her up when followed up to its legitimate conclusion. If men ought to be opposed to being ruled by women then it follows that

RUSSIA.

The Czar's Armies—A Heterogeneous Mass of Drilled Men.

Not Two Millions of Disciplined Soldiers—Their Organization—The Wonderful Cossacks, the "Terror of Europe," and their Bravery.

New York World

Behind the grand, a gaudy array that the czar can command is behind his colors. Not even the queen of England rules over so diverse a population as the czar. The heterogeneous a mass of humanity. In the ranks of his army the Mongol brushes against the Scandinavian, the Slav against the Finn, the Turcoman against the Esquimaux, the Circassian against the Lap. If they are not inspired by the same fervor and love of country, a sense of her greatness at least moves and overawes them, and, fighting in her cause, there are never signs of flinching due to a lack of patriotism or differences of race.

By a ukase, the law of January 1, 1874, rendering military service compulsory to Russian subjects, makes an exception in favor of certain nationalities, such as the Circassians, the Czechs, the Finns, the natives of the Ural regions, Siberia, Turkestan and Transcaspia and also of the Cossacks. With all these such service is voluntary. The Cossacks have their own special military measures, so that the general military service really took population of only 83,000,000 instead of the 107,000,000 included in the empire.

The military strength consists of a regular army and the *Opolchenie* or Landwehr. The army includes a duration of service to be six years of the standing army, nine years in the reserve and six years in the *Opolchenie*, covering the period from the soldier's twentieth year to his forty-first. The emperor thus in case of need could place over 4,000,000 well-trained officers in the field, half of them being officers and the balance militia.

The regular army is divided into nineteen army corps and distributed among fourteen military districts. Its field troops on a peace footing number 802 regiments of infantry, with 56 battalions of *strelkis*, or sharpshooters, together with officers and 401,181 men; 96 regiments of cavalry and two squadrons, making 2627 officers and 37,000 men; 312 batteries of artillery, with 6,000 cannon, 3,273 officers and 35,571 men, and 96 companies of engineers, officers and men. Then follows the "extraordinary" reserve, numbering 182,000 officers and 9,345 men, the standing troops of the empire, 2,000 officers and 18,014 men, the so-called local troops, of 1,315 officers and 97,778 men, and last, but not least, the Cossacks and irregulars, the latter numbering 285 sotnias of horse, 50 sotnias of foot, and 21 batteries, or 2169 officers and 44,929 men, and the irregulars 6776 horsemen. If we add up these numbers we find a grand total of about 850,000 men to constitute the peace footing of the Russian regular army on a war footing.

In time of war this force swells to the enormous figure of 1,960,578 men, with 386,000 horses and 8876 cannon. The yearly military budget is about $102,000,000.

The nominal commander-in-chief of the Russian army is, of course, the czar himself. Directly under him stands the minister of war, at present General Adjutant P. Vannovsky, in whose hands are the different branches of the military system centralized. To facilitate his relations with the ministry of war, the emperor has resolved to a military cabinet, composed of the aides-de-camp, generals, generals a la suite, etc. There is also a superior war council, of which the war minister is president, and a general staff organized on Prussian plan, with General Obrutcheff just at present for chief, assisted by General Kouropatkine, one of the most talented officers of the Russian army. The general inspector of the entire military forces of the empire is the Grand Duke Michael, but besides him there are special inspectors for each of the four branches, viz. The infantry, cavalry, artillery and engineers.

The officers of the Russian army are taken from three distinct sources. First from the lineage of the pages, to which are admitted the children of great families, who, after nine years of military education, receive the rank of ensign to serve in the guard or line, second, from the junker or cadet schools of each arm, to which a successful examination admits all applicants at the age of sixteen years, and third, from the ranks of those who volunteer in advance of the conscription and, according to their qualifications may be appointed by the commissioned officers after several months' service and the passing of a special examination. Promotion in the lower grades is by selection and seniority, in the higher grades by seniority alone.

The late Czar Alexander and his father Nicholas, it is said, whether by reason of the ties that bind them to the court of Russia or by natural affinity introduced many of the features of the Prussian army into Russia's military system. In no respect were these changes more visible than in the uniforming and accoutrement of the regulars. A tourist traveling from Berlin to St. Petersburg, but for the difference in the language would scarcely have been able to tell where the Prussian functionaries ended and the Russian chinovniks began. The pickelhaube was adopted on both sides of the frontier, so were also the cascade-shaped fatigue cap, the stiff shoulder-straps, etc. Alexander III. has done away with all that. He is a Slav to the core of his bones. The sight of a Prussian officer is said to act upon him as a red rag on a bull. The regular wears the national fur and astrakhan cap, with the eagle and crown in front, a jaunty green tunic, double breasted and fastened over the chest, with loops, large trousers and high boots.

The guard have scarcely any insignia to distinguish them from the line infantry, but each regiment has its special name. There are the Preobrajenski, the Semeonovski, the Ismailovski, the Moskovski, the Pavlovski, the Finland regiment, the Lithuanians and Volhynians. These are all men of exceptionally fine physique and form as handsome a body as can be seen anywhere. Peter the Great's favorite, the Preobrajenski (literally translated, the Transfiguration) is of course the crack corps. The great emperor recruited it from the ranks of his boyhood companions, and his faith in its fidelity was never once misplaced. It was at the head of this famed regiment that Catherine II. its colonel made her entry into St. Petersburg. Every monarch is expected to take command of the Preobrajenskis once in his lifetime, and, in fact, the position is an honor all imperial members vie for. Prince Obolensky is the present colonel, and the czar's brother, Sergius, commands battalion No. 1, composed of the tallest men in the Russian infantry.

A real inspiring sight is a parade of this famous regiment when its senior sergeant bursts forth in song and the remainder join in the chorus. A peculiar rythm have their hymns and that same melancholy cadence that pervades all Russian music. When 3000 throats sweep the air in some of sound the effect is truly magnificent.

Russia's military strength is greatly due to her large and well organized cavalry force. Her cavalry of the Guard stands especially high in the estimation of military critics. It is composed of two divisions, the first including the horse grenadiers or *chevau ers garces* and *cuirdes a cheval*, the empress and the two regiments of Cossacks, which the supreme command of the czarewitch. The second division includes the "horse grenadiers" the Uhlans of the Guard and of the Emperor, the Hussars of the Emperor and of the Empress. The uniforms of all these regiments are most brilliant. The cuirassiers, in fact, with their white lunics, blue trousers, brass breastplates and scale-tipped helmets have been pronounced by all odds the most imposing body of men in Europe.

A description of the Russian forces without some reference to the Cossacks would be absurd. They are to the Russian army what the highlander is to the English, the Uhlan to the German, and the Bersagliori to the Italian army. The popular favorites, in other words, the general military law does not apply to the Cossacks. These bold and fearless warriors are entirely exempted from taxation but they are held to service from the age of 18 to 38. The first three years the recruit devotes to instruction at home, after which until the age of 23 he is liable to active service. After that until his 38th he remains permanently on furlough, and is only called on in war times to fill vacancies in the second line. The Cossack receives a regular money allowance from the government for his arms and ammunition. His uniform, horse and equipments he must provide himself. The Cossack is in every sense what the Russians call a *molodetz* (fine fellow) and distinguishes himself from the ordinary Russian soldier who forms the bulk of the army, by his keen perception, his natural fertility of resources and wonderful adaptability to circumstances. His brother of the regular army may be brave persevering and gifted with great powers of endurance, yet without a leader he becomes worse than useless. But it is just when left entirely on his own resources that the Cossack is seen superior to the situation and performs deeds of unheard-of daring. The whole military history of Russia, from the days when Ivan Poland and Northern Italy to the campaign of 1877, is replete with their achievements. They were ever in the van in battle and in the rear in retreat. An important addition to this excellent force has recently been acquired by Russia with the annexation of Merv and the incorporation in the Russia army of fully 50,000 Turcoman irregular cavalry. These Turcomans proved their fine fighting qualities during the Lomakin campaign of 1879 and still later at Geok Tepe. It was they moreover who drove the Afghans in great slaughter over the bridge at Pulikhan, opposite Penjdeh, nearly two years ago. It is doubtful whether their equals could be found in the Anglo-Indian army.

Such, then is the great force that at no very distant day the czar of Russia will send beyond his frontiers on the one side to swallow up the Bulgar and Turk and on the other the Afghan, Persian and perhaps also the Sepoy of India. At no previous period in her history has Russia been better equipped for the fray than she is at present and never before has the same combination of circumstances favored her designs. If she fails, therefore, it is safe to say that her opportunity is past forever.

INTEREST ON MONEY

PORTLAND, March 11

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

As Hon T T Geer (whom I do not personally know) has been discussing the interest question with you, I will thank you for space in your paper to express my views on the subject of interest on money. I do not think Mr Geer takes a wide enough or sufficiently comprehensive view of the subject. In fact, it is seldom or never considered in the full breadth of its importance. We are always disposed to consider almost every question, and invariably so, an economic question, with reference to the amount of gain or increase or profit that it will produce forthwith to the individual, without considering or caring what the result or effect may be to the community at large, or upon succeeding ages. And yet the right and the principle is acknowledged that the state or community at large may regulate, control or restrain any pursuit, vocation or calling when its unrestrained or uncontrolled operation is disadvantageous to the whole human race or to the community. In fact, it has come to be recognized as a law so high that even God's commandments are not above it that no man can have a right or an interest contrary or antagonistic to the welfare of the race or to the community in which he lives. This principle is so well and so universally recognized that it is astounding to the careful observer that in so many, many instances in society the recognized rule is flagrantly violated.

The charging of interest for the use of money is closely related to the power of capital, and I may say even more than this, that, though it is not the sole power, the charging of interest for the use of money is the principal power of capital, aside from its use as a circulating medium. So badly is the world uneducated, or rather to such an alarming extent has the erroneous doctrine of taking interest for the use of money been taught and established, that it is the common belief (on account of ignorance) that the principal, if not the sole object and purpose of monetary capital (or circulating medium), is for the receiving of interest upon loans of the same. This is an enormous error, by which the whole business and commercial world is affected, not lightly or transiently, but as by the indomitable hand of a tyrant. Monetary capital is but the circulating medium of the country, devised as a representative of values and to facilitate the barter, sale and transfer of commodities, and speculation or traffic in it for gain, profit and hire should be prohibited entirely.

In these times the relations of capital and labor are being deeply and almost prayerfully considered by all classes of people, by the poor, by the rich, by the philanthropist and by the philosopher, by the laboring man and by the capitalist, by the employers and by their employes. The relations of capital and labor is an immense question, that involves civilization itself.

I will assume it to be true—I believe it to be true, and I believe it is almost universally conceded—that the powers of capital relatively to labor are too great, and the question only remains, how to lessen them. Then it, as is stated above, the greatest power of capital is in the taking of interest for the use of money, why not deprive capital of that power altogether, and prohibit entirely the charging or taking of interest for the use of money?

This is a very great question, and no doubt to a great many is a novel one. Who can foretell the results that would follow if the taking of interest for the use of money was universally prohibited? For one, I should be pleased if some learned man amongst us, who is honest and capable and accustomed to considering social problems, would publish a discourse showing what the inevitable or probable result would be if the taking of interest for the use of money was universally prohibited. Some will suppose that the result would be to destroy or paralyze almost all business, while on the contrary I believe that the certain result would be to stimulate business, and would, more than anything else, equalize the burdens of life, without injury or detriment to any one.

In the first place it would cause the bankers and money lenders, composed of the best business talent in the country, to engage in other lines of pursuit with their capital developing new enterprises that would give employment to others. It would lessen the inherent value of money as compared with other property, so that it would rapidly seek to be exchanged for other property, and cause it to seek and find investments in remunerative enterprises, whereby the value of labor would be greatly enhanced.

It would be a result, that instead of monetary capital (circulating medium) seeking, as it does now, the great commercial centers to find investments at extortionate rates, with other money, upon loans, for interest it would rapidly disseminate and lay out in the country, and seek to be exchanged for other property that would be productive. Such would be the result, as I believe, if money was only used as a circulating medium, and was not the subject of speculations.

No particular point would any longer be a center where the circulating medium (monetary capital) would be hoarded, but it would closely associate itself with the property and business of the country. It would have no use or calling, except as a medium of barter and exchange and as it would have a continuous call for that purpose, and for that purpose alone, and the circulating medium (monetary capital) being deprived of any other employment, it would so persistently seek to be exchanged for other property that other property and labor would be enhanced.

Now, Mr Editor, in the labor question, so called and the relations of capital and labor are considerations which, at this time, demand the earnest attention of our best minds. The questions involved in these propositions can only be solved by adopting far reaching principles, that may imperceptibly revolutionize the relations of capital and labor. They can not be solved by force upon either side, and only mutual destruction would be the result of such a conflict. Is it not, then, worthy of the efforts of those who mould and direct the thought of the age, to devise and urge economic principles that will make labor and capital harmonious, and place them in such relations as to be truly each other's servitor and friend?

By preventing the taking of interest for the use of money no man is to be deprived of his property against his will—no security or safeguard for property is to be withdrawn, nor is any incentive to industry to be withdrawn and there will be equal contentment as now and far less cause for just complaint.

When the exact reason is considered of establishing a circulating medium, by government, as a representative of values, for the purpose of trade, commerce and every business dealing, the inconsistency and detriment that necessarily follows from allowing private individuals to hamper and impede its free circulation by speculations and corners in the circulating medium becomes readily apparent.

There are hundreds of millions, and billions, of dollars of actual cash (circulating medium) lying idle at the great banking centers of the United States, waiting to be loaned upon interest, and but for which expectation, of being loaned upon interest, would be diffused throughout the country in active industries. While speculators have an interest to do so and control the money market (circulating medium) of the world for selfish gain the business of the country cannot be prosperous. The power of the world for the creation of wealth was never so great as it is now, and yet there is not that equality of conditions that should prevail. In fact with the increase of wealth it is only too apparent, under present conditions, that there is a far greater disparity in the conditions of life.

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"It Tells the Truth"

Nez Perce News.

A gentleman living in Salem, Or., writes to THE OREGONIAN: "You will make no friends by the course you are pursuing." To which that paper retorts: "It isn't THE OREGONIAN'S business to make friends, but to let the people know what is going on and to tell the truth about it. Incidentally, however, it has found by long experience that this course makes friends, and hence it is the only paper in Oregon, and, indeed, throughout the Northwest, that every body calls for and reads." Yes, the paper tells the truth when it remarks that it is the only one in the Northwest that is eagerly read. Without THE OREGONIAN many a country editor would dig his hair out by the roots hunting for telegraphic news in the generally useless heaps of exchanges that pile up on his tables.

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A FEARFUL WINTER.

Frightful Suffering in Montana from Cold and Snow.

White Men and Indians Starving and Freezing—Burning Furniture and Barns for Warmth—Enormous Snowflakes—Loss of Stock.

Montana Letter to N Y World

The winter of 1886-87 will long be remembered throughout the Northwest for the extreme severity of the temperature and the unusual depth of snow. Old timers always referred to former years as "high water mar a," but this year eclipses all previous records. The severe weather started in soon after the holidays. From January 6 to 11 the degree of cold was something frightful. Mercury thermome ers were often congealed and spirit thermome ers were kept busy jumping from forty to sixty below zero. Half a dozen times has the sixty notch been touched, and once this season 63 below zero has been scored on the Saskatchewan plains. But the authorities in weather in the country are the Indians. The oldest members of the Crow tribe say there have been few such winters as the present since they settled in the Yellowstone valley. Once, about thirty years ago, there was a terrible winter. The snow lay six feet deep in the Yellowstone valley, and the Indians congregated about the old trading post Snowbound for two months the Crows were often wealthy and owned countless ponies, of which thousands were smothered in the drifts. This year the snowfall is unprecedented. In some localities it is anywhere from ten to fifty feet deep. On the level, throughout the National park and elsewhere, it is from eight to twelve feet deep, and on the dead level prairie from eighteen to forty inches. Of course such a heavy fall must bring more or less suffering and death.

EXTRAORDINARY SNOWFLAKES

Curious phenomena sometimes attend a new fall. Near Matt Coleman's ranch, January 8 the flakes were tremendous in size. Some flakes measured fifteen inches square, and eight inches thick. For miles the ground was covered with such bunches, and they made a remarkable spectacle while falling. A mail carrier was caught in the same storm and verifies it. The Northern Pacific double-header snow plows are still backing drifts east of here all the way from six to forty feet deep. So far the casualties to human life in Montana have been slight, but among the stock, particularly cattle and sheep, it is feared the mortality has been heavy. The broken country is better than the open prairie in case of cold and snow, hence the casualties to human beings and animals cannot be so heavy here-abouts as on the plains of Dakota.

Already this winter a number of deaths from cold have occurred in Dakota. Not long since Charles Schroder, living near Valley City, started from his house for one 600 feet distant. A blizzard was blowing and the thermometer registered thirty five below. Not reaching home, his family and neighbors turned out with lanterns, followed his tracks in the snow all night and found where he had lain down in the straw stack and then gone on. The next day the body was found twelve miles away on the prairie, lying on its face, where he had fallen from exhaustion. Then he turned into a chunk of ice. A few days ago Miss Imogene Bunn, a school teacher at Highmore, while going from the school to her house was frozen to death. The bodies of three Indians who belonge to Berthold agency were found frozen near Ashland. Several more have been missing since Christmas and they must have been caught out in their bodies will probably be found when the snow melts in the spring. In Montana a number of casualties have already occurred. An Englishman named Elliott left for Fort Assiniboine twenty days ago from Maple creek, in Canada. He is an old man and could not successfully face the northern cold, so it is believed he has perished. David J. Walters, a miner, aged 50, was found dead this week in a snow bound cabin near Virginia City.

STRIPPED ASIDE THREE FEET AND WAS LOST

Dan Lovey was lost in the Musselshell range and wandered for six days with nothing to eat in the worst blizzard ever seen. He stepped three feet to blanket a horse, got lost and was picked up by some cowboys a week later nearly dead. Warren Taylor, an old soldier, was caught lately in a blizzard in the Musselshell and frightfully frozen in the hands and feet. He died from blood poisoning two days later. Tony Wiles and a Swede named Martin were at work on mining property on the side of Sheep mountain early in January. A huge avalanche swept down the mountain side and buried the men into eternity with not a moment's warning, bury ing them thousands of feet below.

In the mining regions west of here, terrible freezings have occurred but fortunately with little loss of life. At Billings, January 11, three men—Cruthers, Porter and Thurston—started to walk from a wood camp into town. The drifts were so deep that the men had to lie down and roll over. Cruthers reached Billings with the muscles of his neck so paralyzed that he could not speak. Porter's body was found frozen solid under a pile of snow, and Thurston is never been seen or heard of since. Stage drivers are having the roughest experiences of their lives. They are the heroes of Montana. The frightful experience of Fox and Montgomery on the Benton stage, bound for Helena, twenty days ago, will go down in history as the worst of the kind. They were without food and drink for forty hours. A stage driver started on February 1 from Fort Buford for Glendive. When seventeen miles out the stage was caught in a blizzard and one of the horses frozen to death. The driver barely escaped with his life. A Manitoba engineering party of five left Buford last week for the end of the track grading. When they came to the crest of a hill the worst blizzard of the season sprung up, and they were compelled to go into camp on the spot. It was simply impossible to travel in any direction in such a storm. On that exposed knoll they passed from Friday to Monday, without wood or food, and finally escaped more dead than alive. Tom Williams, a sheep-herder near Mosgale Springs, about 60 years old, was discovered lying face downward in the snow. He was dead but the sheep were wandering aimlessly about. Many had been stampeded by packs of wolves.

INDIANS ALONG THE WORST SUFFERERS

The Indians seem to have caught it harder than any other human creatures in the country. A band of British Cree Indians came across the line last fall, and while the weather was fine camped in the mountains between the forks of Sun river. An unusual snow followed, and the wretched creatures became penned in by an impassable wall from seventy the number was reduced to fifty-one by starvation, when white men hunted them up and brought relief. A band of half breeds is reported corned up on Lonesome Prairie and a number of Nez Perce Indians, a remnant of Chief Joseph's famous band, who fought Generals Miles and Howard so stubbornly, have been snowed in on Crazile reservation. Four feet of "beautiful snow" prevented hunting game, and many died from cold and hunger.

During the latter part of January fifty lodges of Crow Indians, camped on Clark's Fork, came near dying. Many did perish, but the majority managed to sustain life by eating the cattle that died in the snow drifts.

It is almost impossible to say what damage has occurred with stock and cattle. As a rule, horses and mules have done well, but cattle and sheep have been more than decimated. Some authorities say the sheep industry is nearly wiped out, except where shelter and food were provided. It is hard to get news from remote ranges, as the country is still blockaded and communication is impossible except on snowshoes. Twelve hundred out of 1500 sheep were lost in one locality, and the survivors were so badly mutilated by coyotes and wolves that many died. Some sheepmen in western Montana have lost entire herds. There is no doubt the cattle industry has received a serious blow. Two weeks ago Benton stockmen quit figuring losses, feeling thankful if cattle enough were left to start anew in the spring. Conservative judges on the range place the losses at 25 per cent. Reliable men have stated 45 and 50 per cent, to be their estimate while others, just as reliable, say 20 will cover all. Mr Marney, the editor of the *Stock Growers' Journal*, who is continually receiving advices, says 15 per cent. will cover the loss on cattle.

NOTHING BUT HORNS VISIBLE

It is simply impossible yet to predict with certainty. Long lines of cattle have been drifting into the Missouri river, and hereabouts many hundreds have perished in water holes. A man who has just come into Billings says that he counted 200 dead animals on the road in four days, and does not know how many more were in the bush. Part es from the Bull mounta ns report numerous dead cattle seen. Many are buried in snow standing up, nothing but the horns visible. One animal was fully exposed standing against a rock, frozen stiff. Another cowboy saw forty five dead cattle in one coulee. In the upper Missouri country hay is worth $70 a ton, more than the full value of steers, and it does not pay to feed. Near Benton some cattle were seen to stand in the snow with freezing legs. Others were literally frozen in their tracks. Around Miles City the outlook is the best of all. Stockmen are more hopeful there than elsewhere. A fuel famine has been prevailing along the upper Missouri. At Fort Benton willow poles are $7 to $12 a load, inferior waterlogged cottonwood $14 a cord. One poor woman burned her furniture to keep from freezing. Fences, barns and outbuildings have been consumed.

OREGON'S EARLY HISTORY

Vindication of Gov Abernethy from Certain Aspersions by Mr Hubert Howe Bancroft.

PORTLAND, March 10, 1887

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

Having just finished reading "Bancroft's History of Oregon"—1834 to 1848—I desire to enter my protest against what I regard as great injustice done therein to the memory of George Abernethy.

I first met Gov Abernethy in October, 1842 and knew him intimately until his death from April, 1845, to June 1847 I resided at Oregon City. My business brought us into a most friendly intercourse, and I think I am justified in saying that he was just honorable and liberal in all his dealings. He came to Oregon with the Methodist missionary party in 1840. When the Methodist mission was discontinued in 1841 and the property disposed of by the Rev Jason Lee, there were considerable sums due from the church to the members, besides transportation to their homes in the East. To those of the missionaries who chose to remain in Oregon Mr Lee sold the mission property, and Mr Abernethy, having been the secular agent, bought the mission store with such remnants of goods as remained, and the unsettled accounts standing on the books. He purchased the mill company's steamboat and improvements on the island at Oregon City, in which he was a stockholder, and at once directed his energies to building up Oregon City and opening a trade with the Sandwich Islands. He built a bridge across the chasm from the mainland, which in the early days was an exceedingly difficult and extensive undertaking. He erected a flouring mill and made a market for the wheat, encouraged the fishing interests and marketed the salmon. As often as vessels could be procured, he furnished flour, lumber, salmon, etc., and in return got sugar and sundries especially and such other merchandise as could be had in that market.

In these various enterprises he furnished poor immigrants employment and was at that time conceded to be the most useful and enterprising man in the territory. He built a large brick store, the first brick building in the territory, erected a fine house at Green point, and was constantly inaugurating enterprises and improvements for giving employment and means of living to the needy people who arrived in large numbers every fall.

Nor was he less useful as a public officer. Being a member of the provisional legislature in 1847 at the time of the Whitman massacre, I can bear testimony to his promptness and patriotism on that trying occasion.

It could not be known in the valley to what extent the Indians had organized, and the first thought was that after murdering the mission aries at Walla Walla they would march this way. No sooner had the legislature passed a resolution authorizing the governor to raise a company of riflemen to proceed to The Dalles than the governor called a public meeting for that evening, and in less than twenty four hours after receipt of the news he was on his way to Vancouver with about forty men who had volunteered, and finding the officers of the Hudson Bay company unwilling to trust the provisional government for the necessary ammunition and supplies, the governor, with two of the commissioners whom the legislature had appointed, became personally responsible.

Coming to Oregon as a Methodist missionary, Mr Abernethy might be expected to encounter the distrust of Catholics, as an American citizen, the jealousy of British subjects as a merchant, the opposition of the Hudson Bay company and other traders and as a Yankee Puritan, and general dislike so commonly entertained by the western people, of which the early immigrants were mainly composed, and yet, by his enterprising spirit, generous acts and honorable dealings, he was the choice of the people for governor, and continued to be during the entire period of the provisional government.

Yet Mr Bancroft says: "The most odious word that could be applied to a Protestant was that of Jesuit, yet Abernethy possessed all the qualities usually ascribed by a Protestant to a Jesuit. These, according to this author, the man who possessed all the traits described as the most odious word that could be applied to a Protestant was the choice of the pioneers of Oregon for their governor."

But perhaps the gravest charge which this historian brings against the governor is concerning his encouragement of J Quinn Thornton in going to Washington to represent our condition to the government. He calls Thornton "Abernethy's private agent," a statement for which he has no reliable authority. It must be remembered that this took place in October, 1847, four years after the first considerable immigration and four years after the provisional government had been established. Year after year petitions and memorials had been forwarded to congress, to which no attention had been paid. All around us were hostile Indians, becoming restless as the scanty supply of clothing their lands Indications were unmistakable that our unprotected settlements were in danger. The governor saw this and felt most keenly his responsibility and the urgent necessity that our condition be pressed upon the government at Washington and yet such was the jealousy among our leading men that no one of them would be allowed by the others to go to Washington lest he would thereby some personal advantage, to their detriment. This, bear in mind, was only about one month before the Whitman massacre.

There could be no reconciliation among the would be federal officers by which one of their number could be chosen to appeal in person to the authorities at Washington, and the only means left the governor was to encourage a man of every way competent to go and represent our situation and to urge the government to relieve him from the great responsibility and ourselves from the danger.

For this fact he was grossly abused. No sooner had the legislature met than resolutions were introduced denouncing Thornton, and although they were voted down another political aspirant, who edited the *Spectator*, published them approvingly, for which he very justly lost his position.

The massacre of Whitman and family brought a crisis. Appeal to congress for protection equally no longer be delayed, and yet the same extreme jealousy was visible—somebody must go to Washington. Who should it be? The fatal question was solved by selecting Jo Meek. Surely he could do nobody harm. He could carry their protests against Thornton and the letters and petitions, and could not be of sufficient consequence to excite their fears.

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THE HUMBUG OF ASTROLOGY.

Prof Richard A. Proctor Shows up the Alleged Science.

A Belief that Has Clung to the World for Ages—How the Wise Men of Old Were Deceived.

New York World

I am often asked, but especially after some notorious astrological charlatan has been exposed, whether after all it is so certain that astrology, universally regarded in old times as a true science, is altogether vain and delusive. Can it be, many have said to me, that all the wise men of past ages, those to whom we attribute so many of the beliefs that to this day we hold sacred, can in this matter of astrology have been wholly deceived. Not only among all the leading races of antiquity and in all the chief civilized nations, but during periods of time such as no other faith can boast of having swayed, men held firmly to the belief that the stars in their courses foretell, may, rule, the destinies of men. The cuneiform inscriptions of Assyria, the hieroglyphics of Egypt, the most ancient records of India and China agree in showing that of old men believed that the sun and moon, the planets and the stars to us so

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May throughout the long past, to be measured by thousands of years, when all men held this belief, the most part held what one chiefly had been the belief of all, that the sun and moon and all the host of heaven are not merely the executants of the wills of the gods but actually as gods themselves. To this day not only are all languages permeated by the expressions belonging to the old astrological teachings, but all the feasts and fasts of the religions of our age, purified though they have long been from Sabaistic beliefs, attest in the clearest way to the as reasonable their origin in Sabaistic observances. To this day, Christians and Jews, Buddhists and Mahommedans, regulate their yearly ceremonial by the solstices and equinoctial passages of the sun, and the weekly renewals of religious observances were derived originally from the moon's motions and were determined by the moon when "new" in her "first quarter," "full" in her "third quarter" and "new" again. Among the Jews and Mahommedans, indeed, the "new moon" observances, and those which formerly attended the rising and setting of the sun, are still retained. Astrology, the outcome of those Sabaistic beliefs which were once universally prevalent had a reasonable origin, and if common opinion could prove any doctrine just, astrology must, it should seem, have been based on truth. Why, then, should it now be held only worthy of belief by the ignorant and silly, and be maintained as true only by rogues and charlatans?

WISE MEN DECEIVED

The answer is found in the very circumstances under which of old astrology was believed in. The astrologers of old times were[illegible] for the most part not only honest men, but men moved by strong religious emotions. They were also by no means wanting in reasoning power. As I pointed out long since in my article on "Astrology" in the Encyclopedia Britannica, astrology was based on reasoning in old times, and on reasoning which seemed sound and sufficient. It was no mere superstition, and as it was based on reasoning and its supporters honestly expressed their reasons for the faith that was in them, we are able not only to understand and in some degree appreciate their doctrine, but also to recognize their great ness nature.

They saw that the sun ruled unmistakably over the day and the year, and they recognized clearly, though they could not explain the matter as science now explains it, that the sun is the life of the earth and of all things in it. Day after day he renewed his victory over night and brought all things to life after the sleep. Night had brought on them. Year after year he renewed his victory over winter, and brought life to the field and forest, so that food and nourishment were provided in due season for men and animals. None could doubt that this orb at least ruled over the fates and fortunes of men and nations. The moon seemed scarcely less obviously a ruling or controlling orb. Even among nations, if such there were, who had never either observed her influence on the tides or heard of it from others, she seemed to have special power. She ruled the night, she measured time by the twelve months of the annual course of the moon indicated her as "The Measurer," the rest of her names, as Selene, Luna, etc., relating to her light) and pastoral races blessed her as the orb most beneficial in their belief, to all orders of herdsmen. Can we wonder, when two of the planets, for the sun and moon were two of the seven planets of antiquity, having thus been recognized as unquestionably ruling men's fortunes in specific ways, the ancients believed that, almost like the other seven? And knowing, as we do, how prone half knowledge is to fall into full assurance of faith, can we marvel if ancient astronomers learned to assign special influence to Mercury and Venus, to Mars, Jupiter and Saturn on the strength of what seemed to them sufficient indication of the specific powers which those planets possessed. We find that they certainly did these and we can even quite easily trace the line of thought by which they were led to their belief respecting the good or bad the benefic or the malign influences which the planets in their belief exerted.

THE PLANET OF LOVE

Thus what could be more natural than that Venus, the most beautiful of all the planets to the naked vision, should have been chosen as the planet of love. Never seen save on the twilight sky, growing more beautiful when seen in an evening star as twilight deepens, while as a morning star she flaunts in the light that she loves, in the light of the daffodil sky, she is the apt emblem, the ethereal goddess, ruler over love and courtship. And because of her beauty Venus was naturally regarded as a favorable planet—she was the "Lesser Good Fortune" as Jupiter was the greater. Nor was it less natural that Mercury, so hard to detect with the unaided eye that many astronomers now living have never seen the planet except through a telescope, should be regarded as the planet ruling over all professions and occupations which require craft and subtlety. Neither good nor bad fortune could be applied to a planet so seldom seen—though when seen in the skies of Chaldea, Egypt and Greece (as in those of America, by the way) Mercury shines with specially resplendent lustre, inasmuch as the Greeks knew him as the Spark or What planet but the ruddy Mars could be reasonably be regarded as ruling over war and battle—so eager and less regular interest than any other planet, shining with a ruddy light as it were of wrathful[illegible] Mars received his name from the Romans, who were[illegible] Surely he could do nobody harm. He could carry their protests against Thornton and the letters and petitions, and could not be of sufficient consequence to excite their fears.

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SUGAR.

Production of beet sugar has been advanced to a point of perfection that has revolutionized the sugar trade of the world. It is confined almost wholly to European countries, and now reaches the prodigious total of 2,380,000 tons a year. The cane sugar product of the world is estimated at 2,360,000 tons. During the last two years the cane product has not much increased, while the beet product has fully doubled. Addition of so vast an amount of sugar to the product of the world has revolutionized the market, and sugar therefore never bore so low a price throughout the world as now.

The astonishing increase of production of beet sugar is due entirely to discovery and application of improved methods, which have largely increased product from beets and greatly reduce the cost of extracting it. Germany has taken the lead in these improvements, and now produces about one million tons of beet sugar a year. It is shown that the percentage of sugar obtained from beets prior to 1879 fluctuated between 8 and 9 per cent. It is now nearly 12 per cent. France produces half a million tons a year. Austro-Hungary somewhat more. Russia produces 450,000 tons, Belgium 100,000 tons, and other countries perhaps 50,000 tons. Sugar from these sources has produced a complete change in the markets of Europe and indeed of the world. Formerly England was the great center of supply or distribution. Her ships brought in raw sugars from every quarter of the globe. The sugars were treated at her great refineries and sold as widely as her commerce extended. It was a vast and profitable business. But it is so no longer. Refined sugars from the states of continental Europe, produced from beets, are sold in English markets at prices which render the old business of refining cane sugars, brought from every part of the world, unprofitable, consequently many of the great refining establishments of England, which formerly were mines of wealth, are in operation no longer.

When the experiment of manufacturing beet sugar began the cost of the product was not less than one dollar per pound. The article is now supplied by the cargo at German ports as low as three and one-half cents. This is one of the greatest and most important results that have ever been achieved by advancement of mechanism and science. For sugar holds the very first place among all the products of industry whose cheapness and abundance contribute to the comfort of life.

The total sugar product of the world is reckoned at nearly 5,000,000 tons a year, more than half of which is the product of beets. Of this total product the United States, with a population of but 60,000,000, consume fully one-fourth, or 1,250,000 tons a year. We are not more than one-twentieth of the inhabitants of the earth and yet we consume one-fourth of its total sugar product. Here is a fact that is a striking commentary upon the superiority of our economical condition as compared with that of most other nations. Sugar, still a luxury with people in many other lands, is here an article of most common consumption, and there is scarcely a family, however poor, that stints the use of it. We pay for sugar more than $150,000,000 a year, and the government takes from the article a revenue exceeding $60,000,000.

But it is probable that though there are large sections of our own country which would produce the sugar beet as well as Germany, yet the extensive manufacture of sugar from beets will have to wait with us till capital becomes so abundant as to find it necessary to be content with smaller profits than now, and till labor approaches, through density of population and the struggle for subsistence, the conditions by which the labor of Europe is surrounded. No philanthropist will long to see this day, yet its coming is inevitable. Small gain will it be to us to have sugar as cheap here as it is in Central Europe, when our people at large will have as little to buy with as the people of Europe have now. With sugar here nearly double the price it is there, our people are able to consume two or three times as much per capita as the people of those countries do.

We continue to experiment with the problem of producing sugar in Louisiana and other states of our gulf coast, and we maintain high rates of duty on sugar professedly for protection of this experiment, but the total production is far below what it was thirty years ago. That is, with an average duty of 2½ cents a pound on sugar we can't compete with the "pauper labor" of Europe and with the slave labor of tropical countries, and the sensible thing therefore would be to drop this futile effort and allow the small number of our people who are struggling in vain with this problem to go into some more hopeful and profitable business. We can't hope to make sugar in the United States as cheap as we can buy it from foreign countries till we are ready to see our labor degraded to the foreign level and then, though sugar will be cheap, it will be a luxury with our working classes which they can little afford to indulge. The better way would be to let sugar in free and give our working classes the full benefit of low prices for this needful article now.

Our government, through the department of agriculture, is still causing experiments to be made with a view to getting sugar from sorghum. The principal experiment during the past year has been carried on at Fort Scott, Kansas. Little or no encouragement is obtainable from them as to the future of the mechanical and chemical treatment of sorghum juice, for products not [illegible] has not yet been [illegible] The point is undoubtedly [illegible] problem still. The [illegible] objection found [illegible] operation. With [illegible] well p[illegible] in the [illegible]

SCHEME FOR CUTTING OFF MAIL SERVICE.

The [illegible] between Albany and Prineville and all the [illegible] and also to [illegible] the system of Call[illegible] delivery protest. It would be [illegible] to the country served since its effect would be to delay mail, both incoming and outgoing, at least twenty-four hours. It would besides subject mails to additional hazard and expense to them even now. The political, social and business connections of the southeastern counties are chiefly within their own state and their mails ought to come and go direct.

This is not the first instance of curtailment of the mail service in Southeastern Oregon. Formerly there was a direct service between Lake and Crook counties, and it was very useful to the stockmen who have frequently to communicate with each other. But in time of economy this service was cut out and now the only means of communication is via Prineville, north 100 miles to The Dalles, west 70 miles to Portland, south 325 miles to Ashland and west 100 or more miles to Southeastern Oregon. This circuitous route is full of hazard, and letters are frequently lost. And even when they go aright more than a week is consumed in the journey. It is quite common to send a special messenger from Central to Southeastern Oregon with a single letter when the writer is afraid to trust the mails or in too great haste to wait upon them.

This last proposition, if carried into effect, will still further embarrass the country. While it might save a few hundred dollars per year it would be unwise as a measure of economy.

Eben F Pillsbury, who died in Boston Monday, was for many years a conspicuous leader of the Bourbon democracy of Maine, and made himself unenviably notorious as chief of the revolutionary "Garcelon" conspiracy to steal the state government of Maine in 1880. The firmness of ex-Gov. Chamberlain finally frightened the conspirators into retreat from their purpose of usurpation by force of arms, and Pillsbury found himself so odious that he soon after removed to Boston. He was pressed upon Cleveland for an important federal office, but he was too mal-odorous even for a democratic administration and failed of success.

HORACE GREELEY AND HENRY GEORGE.

No man in America, since the days of Franklin, devoted so much brains to the cause of the plain, working people of America as Horace Greeley. He came of poor, farmer stock, he was a child of the common school, a graduate of the printer's case, his manners, dress and diet were as simple in his days of prosperity as they were in his youth of hardship and privation. His sympathies were always democratic, his heart was warm and benevolent, his hand was as generous as it was honest and clean, his thoughts were always with the people, his pen was never weary of work in their defense and their instruction. In his early career he had searched socialism, so called, to the bottom, he tested its emptiness, and as a result, while Horace Greeley devoted his whole life to the people so unceasingly that he may be said to have educated thousands and thousands of the young men of his generation to higher hopes, higher aspirations and better lives, he was as far away from Henry George as is Abram Hewitt. Here is a passage from Horace Greeley worth quoting:

> Take away the inducements to industry and thrift afforded by the law which secures to each the ownership and enjoyment of its rightful gains and through universal poverty and ignorance even Christendom would rapidly relapse into utter barbarism.

Civilization is founded on accumulated capital and systematic labor. It cannot dispense with either. Though all men work diligently and efficiently through each day yet if they spent as fast as they earned civilized society must perish and human existence be maintained with difficulty, if at all. The bar room loafer who decries capital could not survive the next hard winter without its aid. He lives through the inclement season on that which others more provident have saved and stored against a time of need. He may or may not render an equivalent, but in the absence of capitalists opportunity to make the indispensable trade would be wanting. There is none so poor or wretched that capital earned and owned by others has not already saved him from perishing of want as it will do again and again. Capital justly acquired and wisely employed is every one's friend, smoothing the ruggedness and lessening the discomfort of even the most forlorn and hapless career.

To the race generally, to smaller communities and to individuals God proffers the stern alternative—Work or perish. Idlers and profligates are constantly dying out, leaving the earth peopled mainly by the offspring of the relatively industrious and frugal. Philanthropy may drop a tear by their unmarked graves but the idle, thriftless improvident tribes and classes will nevertheless disappear leaving the earth to those who, by practicing as well as by clearing away forests, and by tilling, irrigating, fertilizing and beautifying the earth prove themselves children worthy of her bounty and her blessing. Even if all thing were made common, and the idle welcomed to a perpetual feast upon the products of the toil of the diligent still the former would rapidly pass away, leaving few descendants, and the children of the latter would ultimately inherit the earth.

These are golden words of wisdom that every honest, manly man would do well to paste in his hat and read periodically when he hears the shrill voice of ranting indolence and canting discontent declaiming against capital and in favor of communism. These words are worth more to every sincere workingman than anything he will find in Henry George, they point out the shortest road of progress from poverty to competence. These wise words of an illustrious child of labor who worked all his life and died in the harness, are addressed to the children of labor, whose welfare and advancement were always nearer this great man's heart than his own worldly well being. They are the recreation of Franklin's philosophy that there are "no gains without pains, that diligence is the mother of good luck" that what maintains one vice would bring up two children." Justly indeed was Greeley called our later Franklin.

One hundred years ago occurred the Shays rebellion a mass chapter of the spirit which prompted this rebellious insurrection Noah Webster said that "a Hampshire county man would spend forty shillings for rum in a year, and not count the cost as worth considering, and then heed a mob to have the governor's salary reduced although that salary did not amount to three pence a man, taxing the commonwealth together." Madison wrote that at the close of the Revolutionary war everything was so badly demoralized that "an abolition of debts, both public and private, and a new division of property, are strongly suspected to be in contemplation." Truly there is nothing new under the sun, and the anarchists under Shays who were dispersed by a single discharge of Gen. Lincoln's cannon one hundred years ago were prototypes of the fellows whom Gov Rusk of Wisconsin dispersed with musketry at Milwaukee last summer. James Gordon Bennett, the elder, was not a philanthropist like Greeley, but he was like him a disciple of Franklin's industrial philosophy. A Scotchman, he had the national characteristics of industry, energy, enterprise and thrift, and when he first started the *N. Y Herald*, fifty years ago, with only a few hundred dollars, he printed some excellent advice to young men, urging marriage at 25, the education of children "so that the boys may be able to read the Bible and Robinson Crusoe, and comprehend vulgar fractions—the girls to understand needlework, plain cooking, reading and writing, but no waltzing."

The philosophy of the labor demagogues of our day is the same that it was in the Shays rebellion we have referred to, it is the envy which indolence and incapacity feel at the progress which industry and capacity make in their benefit struggle to leave poverty behind. It is the philosophy that would exact the practice of self-sacrifice alone by capital and never yield it on the part of labor. It would trample under foot all those virtues of mutual concession and forbearance that are indispensable to all stable progress and improvement, to a social safety and prosperity, and in the place of the existing relations of things would substitute a situation where ultimately anarchy its best work, speedily subdivide all property and happiness for all, by the destruction of credit, industry and good will. Of this vile doctrine of [illegible] and industrial equality we discern a [illegible] from civilized society under law, it may be fairly said that it is the voice of envy breathing the accents of philanthropy. If this doctrine should ever obtain it would be the nineteenth century running back for refuge to the paternal government of Moses, Joshua and Samuel where the people were the helpless pupils of a priesthood. The priest was governor, law maker, policeman, sheriff, judge, executioner. He was to the people what Brigham Young was to the Mormons. When we get back to the land tenure of Moses we shall get back to all the other beauties of that civilization where healthy individualism was extinguished in the paternal government of a despotic priesthood.

A San Francisco dispatch, published in our issue of the 15th, announced that a British ship with cholera aboard had sailed from Valparaiso for Portland, Oregon. This ship arrived a fortnight ago, and there is no cholera on board of her yet there is no doubt that the Pacific coast of the United States is in the direct track of the cholera, which is now slowly making its way along the west coast of South America. When it reaches Panama it will secure a famous feeding ground in that filthy city, and San Francisco would certainly be in danger. According to the latest annual report of the California board of health the yellow fever which ravaged the west coast of Mexico in 1882-83 was carried from Panama to Guaymas, a port that has steam communication with California, and it is anticipated if cholera gets a foothold in Panama it would be difficult to prevent its transmission to the ports on the west coast of Mexico. Cholera was carried from Panama northward in 1852, and vessels en route to California left the disease at every port they touched on the west coast. Some 18,000 persons died in Nicaragua, and the disease prevailed even in the mountains 6000 feet above the sea. These are facts concerning the previous history of the cholera on the Pacific coast of North America published in the report of the California board of health, and the California authorities evidently expect, if the cholera now creeping up from Chili reaches Panama, that it will be necessary to take prompt measures for its exclusion from their ports.

ONE GOOD RESULT.

The interstate commerce act, with all its patent defects and ambiguities, went through congress because it forbids that unjust discrimination which has been used to build up vast monopolies like the Standard Oil company, who have hitherto been able to oppress and ruin all rivals in business and absolutely stamp out competition. This great corporate conspiracy against industrial competition has compelled every man in the oil business to purchase, by heavy tribute, his opportunity to exist. The choice offered was to pay or perish. The clauses relating to this sort of discrimination have come to stay and they are worth all the rest of the act, and their importance goes far to reconcile every friend of commercial freedom and industrial competition to the passage of an act that in other respects is purely tentative in purpose and ambiguous in language. The history of the oil and coal monopolies and of the cattle and beef trade conspiracy against competition is the history of a crime against the public weal. The Standard Oil company, as was once shown in the *North American Review*, has been built up by means of this secret system of discrimination in freight rates. The railroad companies enabled this great monopoly to roll up enormous riches by squeezing the lifeblood out of all independent oil refiners and destroying all field for fair competition. In eighteen months this Standard Oil company received from railroad companies ten millions of dollars in rebates. The primitive right to life was not destroyed, but the primitive rights of liberty and property were paralyzed in the sense that there was no such thing as liberty of the individual to do business in a community where the Standard Oil company was granted by the railroads a freight rate which was less than one-third of the rate exacted from all independent oil refiners and also divided with the railroads the heavy tribute wrung by the railroads from the shippers. In illustration of this outrage we quote the following proposition, made to the Cleveland & Marietta Railroad company by the Standard Oil company:

> You shall make a uniform rate of 35 cents per barrel for all persons excepting the Standard Oil company. You shall charge them 10 cents per barrel for their oil, and also pay them 25 cents per barrel out of the 35 cents collected of other shippers.

The receiver of the railroad accepted this proposition, devised for the purpose of crushing out a refiner who had not succumbed to the Standard Oil company, and on appeal to the United States circuit court, the court properly dismissed the receiver from office. The success of these great conspiracies between the oil, coal and beef monopolies and the railroads has been fruitful in the creation of other conspiracies against the right of the people to free competition in the great staple necessaries of life, and the right of the individual to a fair field and no favor in his industrial efforts to live and let live. If the provisions on this subject are enforced it will be no longer possible for such conspiracies to succeed, through secret low rates on the railroads, in crushing out all competition. The beef trade combination has been able to keep up the price of beef in the great cities of the East, when the price of cattle in the great cattle growing states has fallen off one-half. That is, the railroads and the trade combination rob the people of their right to cheap oil, coal and meat. It is one of the most extraordinary abuses that was ever permitted to be founded and to get fat and sassy in a free country. Insurrections, sometimes rising to the dignity of revolutions, have taken place in Europe for less grounds of complaint than have been furnished by these oil, coal and beef conspiracies in America. If the interstate commerce act can do nothing else, it can enforce fair play for the people in the matter of free trade and fair freights for the primitive necessaries of life. The provisions of the act which assure this boon to the people are clouded by no ambiguity of expression or indefiniteness of purpose, and however much clarification, amplification and amendment the act may be found to need otherwise, we believe its anti-discrimination clauses, aimed at the abuse for which the Standard Oil company stands pre-eminently conspicuous, will prove a permanent boon to the public.

AN INDISCREET ORGAN.

Following is the concluding portion of a long article in the Tacoma *Ledger*:

> First find out what it is to the interest of the corporation to do and then you may readily determine what it is sure to do. In this case the railroad corporation (Northern Pacific) owns property in Tacoma worth at the present time several millions of dollars a valuation which by means of the action and influence of the corporation itself can be easily increased to eight or ten millions in the next five years and to twenty millions in the next ten years. Along with this is the other startling fact which it seems to us should give pause to those real estate sharps at Seattle and Portland that the Northern Pacific Railroad company does not own a foot of land either in Portland or in Seattle. Hence the company will favor Tacoma as against Seattle and Portland because by so doing it will subserve its own interest.
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> The Northern Pacific Railroad company wants to see a large city at Tacoma and will help to make it large. Thus are we advised by the present administration.
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> If the Tacoma paper is really the organ of the Northern Pacific, as it assumes to be, then that company would do well to put a bit in the mouth of its organ's indiscretion, because if its utterances shall be found to indicate the normal policy of the company then Portland and Seattle will govern themselves accordingly. A moment's reflection must satisfy each utterance as those of the Tacoma paper takes away from the Northern Pacific the feeble amount of business it now holds to the people of that county. To favor Tacoma as against Seattle and Portland, it should be plain enough to a little fool, it will do well to muzzle the supreme fool that it seems to be.

It is claimed that at Washington that there is enough in the alleged ostrich swamp land fraud to justify indictment of a score of the members of congress for conspiring to defraud the government. Who this representative in congress may be can only be conjectured. Representative Felton of California, it is understood, has been a purchaser of the Hermann location, and when he and that delegation responding increase of [illegible] all [illegible] The Oregonian [illegible] without saying a word about the [illegible] complete with it, consisting of [illegible] or achievements, simply shows this [illegible] fulness and excellence of its daily issue [illegible] the effort of the *Lucifer* to [illegible] paper ever made a finer exhibit of [illegible] sources than the *Chronicle* is doing. [illegible] will not accumulate as fast as here before, but still it will make money, while Papa Hearst if he persists in encouraging his [illegible] up with the procession, will drop not less than $100,000 a year by the wayside. The experience with newspapers of the rich man who has a son whose infatuation takes that direction, comes high. Even Portland has afforded its example.

MEETING NOTICE.

Sir Knights, Attention!—Members of Willamette Lodge No. 5, K. T., are hereby notified to attend a special conclave this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring the Red Cross degree. By order of the E. C.

JOS. T. HAYNE, Sir Kt. C.

H. L. COHN, Sir Kt. R. & S.

Minerva Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F.—At the meeting this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 P. M. Odd Fellows and members of Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 1 I. O. O. F. are invited to attend. By order of the N. G.

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BOUGHT IT PAT.

Lord Palmerston in 1860 was prompted by the popular distrust of Louis Napoleon to propose a vote of two millions of pounds, the first installment of a sum of nine millions, to be laid out in fortifying the English coast against the emperor of the French, and these millions are conceded to-day to have been money wasted in measures of superfluous protection.

With Palmerston it was always a favorite idea to fortify England against her foreign foes in advance of war or even rumors of war, and his vast schemes of national defense were made in accordance with his opinion he expressed to Cobden that "man is a fighting and quarreling animal," and his notion of statesmanship was to keep England always in a condition to resist possible attack from somebody. Two of his colleagues Gladstone and Sir George Cornewall Lewis, differed strongly with him on this point. Lewis argued that when war is remote and uncertain "it is better not to resort to preventive measures which insure a proximate and certain mischief." Lewis argued that England's foreign relations were too vast to render it wise or possible systematically to insure against all risks, and if we do not insure systematically we do nothing."

Colden accused Palmerston of having rushed headlong into extravagance under the influence of panic, and Palmerston answered that he had simply got rid of "an apathetic blindness on the part of the government and the governors as to the defensive means of the country as compared with the offensive means acquired and acquiring by other powers" and he quoted the enormous military and naval preparations of France as justification for a large yearly expenditure for the army and navy which would be equivalent to a yearly insurance against the catastrophe of French invasion. Sir George Lewis argued that it was better to wait until the assault really threatened, and then fight it out as best possible, since vast armaments prepared in advance of any prospect of war often turn out a vast failure at the hour of need, as was the case with that of France in 1870. Absolute military and naval insurance against attack was impossible and to attempt it was an outrageous and absurd extravagance. In this Gladstone coincided with Lewis. Palmerston's policy prevailed however and England has but just paid up the last installment of the loans negotiated by Lord Palmerston from 1860 to 64 to execute his vast scheme of coast fortifications. The whole sum expended was between $80,000,000 and $90,000,000.

The verdict of history confirms the judgment of Gladstone and Lewis, for in the last speech made by Lord Randolph Churchill in the house of commons in opposition to spending money in fortifications he said,

> It is not too much to say that of that money which was expended upon fortifications years and years ago and which you have just paid off two-thirds or three-quarters of it was absolutely thrown into the gutter. I think it quite probable that if the right honorable member from Midlothian (Mr Gladstone) when he was chancellor of the exchequer and when he had that dispute with Lord Palmerston, in which Lord Palmerston said he would sooner lose Mr. Gladstone than lose Portsmouth harbor, I think if he had stuck to his guns and had stood out against Lord Palmerston the country might have been saved the outlay of many millions of pounds.

Churchill further declared that England is to day to bear as for the expenditure of this enormous sum upon defensive fortifications than if it had been thrown into the sea, on the ground, we suppose, that the march of military and naval improvements had been so rapid that her fortifications, like our own sea coast defenses, were become largely obsolete. The cost of the modern engines of war is enormous. In 1860 the largest gun in the British service was a sixty-eight pounder, costing $40 to cast and $2 50 to fire. To-day it costs England $97 500 to manufacture the 110-ton gun and $935 to fire it. That is, within thirty years the cost of artillery has advanced so rapidly that it costs nearly twice as much to fire the heaviest gun to-day as it did to make the heaviest gun used by the British army or navy at Sebastopol. These facts and the speech of Lord Randolph Churchill will serve to reconcile us something to the future of congress to pass the fortification bill.

A COLORED MAN'S PROTEST.

Worthington Cossey, one of the most noted colored men of the District of Columbia, has issued an address to his fellow citizens on the incidents growing out of the appointment by a democratic president of a colored man to office in the district, in which he says:

> It is very poor business that these would be leaders of our colored friends are just now engaged in and it is time that colored citizens of this district should understand it. The idea of a democratic president being the sincere friend of the colored man as against his old well tried friends the republicans, in the United States senate it is too absurd to be even laughed at. And it is more than strange, it is humiliating, to find certain men who have hitherto been leading representatives of our race, and who have been turned out of foreign ministerships and other honorable positions by this democratic administration the most eager to caress the hand that has struck them. Before colored men listen further to these false leaders or accept their opinions in a matter like this let them reflect on what party and to what men they are indebted for the [illegible] and put egg-shelling them to any opinion on public affairs whatever, much less to the holding of public office. To say nothing of the party who advocated the existence and extension of the system which kept us slaves in this country it is scarcely yet twenty years since the republican leaders who are now being denounced for their consistent and manly act in rejecting the democratic Mr. Matthews were engaged in a fierce struggle for the life of our flag for the colored man with the democratic party raged over and against it. With Sumner and Wilson and Sherman and Logan and the rebellion were [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] Mr. Cleveland a decent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Local Report.

PORTLAND, March 16, 5:49 P. M.

Name of Station.	Height above sea level.	Direction of wind.	Velocity of wind.	Rain.	Weather.
Portland	16	Calm	00	.01	Cloudy
Walla Walla	1,000	S	07	.00	Fair
Lewiston	1,438	S	02	.00	Clear
Boise City	2,730				
Baker City	3,471				
Umatilla	270				
The Dalles	157				
Shaniko	2,800				
Prineville	2,868				
Lakeview	4,800				
Roseburg	500				
Ashland	1,900				
Yreka	2,625				
Red Bluff	350				
Sacramento	69				
Carson	4,675				
Winnemucca	4,300				
Roseburg	500				

Mean temperature, 48.0; minimum, 46.7.
Total rainfall, 51.0 feet.
Record of temperature and rainfall in etc.

Name of Station.	Max. temp. last 24 hours.	Min. temp. last 24 hours.	Rainfall last 24 hours.	Direction of wind.	Velocity of wind.	Rainfall since 1 inch.	Weather.
Portland	52	36	.08	W	08	.00	Clear
Walla Walla	56	35	.05	W	06	.02	Lt Rn
Lewiston	56	31	.00	W	04	.00	Fair
Boise City	52	31	.00	W	06	.00	Fair
Baker City	52	30	.00	S	04	.00	Fair
The Dalles	56	36	.00	S	08	.00	Cloudy
Shaniko	52	30	.05	S	12		

TODAY'S WEATHER.

For Oregon and Washington, March 16.—Indications for the next 36 hours: commencing at 8 A. M., Thursday, fair weather, Oregon and Washington, fair weather, light rains along the coast from Portland northward.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Per Oregonian to arrive over the Northern Pacific—Mrs. C. E. Parks, R. Campbell and wife, C. D. Cole, C. D. Runsey, J. Lomas, W. H. Bryant, Miss Wicker, Miss Nicholas, W. F. Leonbach, B. Harding, B. E. Hall and 50 in Ingrahs.

Per Short Line to arrive over the Short Line—C. Bartheorian to arrive over the Short Line—Mrs. W. S. Bunlway, L. S. Spicer, Mrs. F. E. White W. S. Bunlway, L. S. Spicer, Mrs. F. E. Wilson, and 29 emigrants.

BRIEF MENTION.

St. Patrick's day.

The Circuit Court has adjourned for the term.

The street railroad to Sellwood is a settled institution.

Rain all the Fresh this week is simply immense. So early!

There will be no public demonstration to-day on account of illness.

Rev. J. H. Carwell of Grace M. E. church will preach the Tabernacle services to-night.

The newly elected board of the Y. M. C. A. meets this afternoon at 4 o'clock to elect officers.

There will be a meeting of the Hassalo club at Mr. Charles' hotel last night, which adjourned Monday night at the office of Mr. Steel.

Mr. Siegfried, general merchandise dealer at Oakland, have made an assignment. Liabilities $18,000. Several Portland firms are the creditors.

The Oregon Temporary reported W. R. Young disappeared. He is here alive and has sold out his business, and for that stand has been closed.

Mr. Ryan has commenced suit in the state court against J. J. Fisher to recover $1,000 promissory note, executed in Central Point, Jackson, November 14, 1883, and made payable one year from date.

Frank Wagner was arrested yesterday by Constable Jennings for threatening to kill his wife while flourishing his dangerous weapon. He was charged in Justice Tuttle's court and his examination set for to-day.

Mr. Cohen is to have a second trial to-day before a jury in Justice Tuttle's court, on a charge of stealing a $20 piece. In the first trial the jury failed to agree. Cohen is the fellow who played base ball with the crowd.

Suit was filed in Judge Shattuck's court the writ of attachment of the Oregon and Washington Mortgage Savings bank vs. the board of equalization of Multnomah county, is argued. The bank objects to paying the assessment of $6,000, claiming they are indebted to the amount of $3,11,000.

Last night yesterday morning Keith's saloon, corner of Oak and First streets, was entered. The burglar forced the door open from the north side on Oak street, and with a chisel pried through the upper part of a desk, where he did on which the catch-lock fastens, and with little trouble.

Two Chinese Ban, two Chinamen, were fined in Tuttle's yesterday, to answer to a charge of larceny of eighteen shirts from the Chinese laundry, left to be washed. Investigation showed that it was a case of misunderstanding between the parties concerned, settled matters and the case was dismissed.

THE COURTS.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

Ex parte H. Koehler, receiver; order on petition.

Same vs. Same and others vs. O. & C. R. R. Co.; order on petition.

STATE CIRCUIT COURT NO. 1.

Thomas J. Bowles vs. Benj. Sunderland; on trial.

Same vs. Same; Meier & Frank; demurrer to answer sustained and defendant allowed to amend his answer.

State of Oregon ex rel. John Kiernan, plaintiff, vs. Patrick Holahay et al.; demurrer to answer of defendant Wallace overruled.

Same vs. Same, demurrer to reply sustained.

Portland Savings Bank vs. Willamette Falls and Lumbering Manufacturing Company; findings in favor of defendants for the defendants.

Same vs. Same. The Portland Water company vs. Same; findings of the court against plaintiff.

Exceptions allowed to prepare bill of exceptions.

Samuel A. Bower vs. City of Salem commenced by default in favor of plaintiff for $600 and costs; suit brought on account.

Same vs. Same. W. T. Kilver; judgment on verdict in possession of a roan horse and $7 50 for the detention.

POLICE COURT.

Yesterday in the police court Ed. Brannan was fined $5 for charge of begging 10 cents from one Green on the steamer Columbia, and then going with companion named Sullivan to the Red Front dive and spending the money. Brannan acknowledged the barter, but said at the same time: "If you will not get out of town." Judge Deady fined Brannan he could go at the end of 30 days. Sullivan was convicted of vagrancy and fined $10 or 20 days. Sullivan was arrested at 2:30 o'clock A. M., and awarded to Capt. Pat Kelley, who was thrown out of the station house, was fined $10, otherwise 10 days in Pat it is otherwise. Three Chinamen, Hung Tung, Andrew Abrams and Charles Williams, arrested by policeman Belcher for violating the curfew ordinance, were fined $5 each. The youngsters were found on the streets at 2 o'clock in the morning, on their way from the Tivoli.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MUST BRING SUIT IN EQUITY.—Judge Shattuck yesterday in the case of the Portland Savings bank vs. the Willamette Steam Mills and Lumbering Manufacturing company found for the defendants for costs and disbursements. Plaintiffs, as assignee of D. P. Thompson, sued to recover on a note for some $8000 salary due Mr. Thompson as president and general manager of the mills for a period of several years. The salary of $250 a month was fixed by the board of directors while E. S. Kearney was receiver of the Holladay estate, and was continued during Mr. Thompson's term. He did not, however, draw his salary as general manager and president of the Willamette mills monthly, and not until his retirement as receiver in the Holladay estate, when he drew his personal note for the full amount and negotiated it with the Portland Savings bank. Payment was refused by the Willamette Steam Mills company and suit instituted by the bank to recover. Judge Shattuck held in effect that the note was not a valid one, inasmuch as it was not countersigned by the secretary of the Willamette Steam Mills company, and also that it did not bear the corporate seal. Also that it was a matter of equity for the court that appointed the receiver in the Holladay case to decide what his compensation as president and manager of the Willamette Steam Mills company should be. This means that Mr. Thompson must bring a suit in equity before Judge Stearns.

BONANZA MINE.—From a private letter to a gentleman in this city, from Mr. James Steel, who has been absent at his mine in Baker county for two weeks, an OREGONIAN reporter gleaned the following items: "There is about 1000 feet of tunnels run together with three or four 100-foot shafts. A large quantity of good paying ore is shown to exist in the mine. I have no doubt there is $150,000 in sight from the present developments and believe the ore will continue to improve as lower levels are reached. There has been some difficulty in getting the mill and concentrator into satisfactory working, but everything seems to work all right now. The mill has a capacity of twenty-five tons in twenty-four hours. We expect the ore to run $25 to the ton. It will cost $4 per ton to obtain and work it. I have no doubt the Bonanza will soon become one of the best places of property in Oregon."

STEAMBOATS LIBELED.—Tuesday Deputy U. S. Marshal Ross, says the *Astorian*, libeled the steamer Gov. Newell, on the Wallowski, at Mayer Trullinger's railroad camp, at the instance of Capt. James Cox, who sues for wages as master, to the amount of $8000. Bonds will be furnished for the release of the boat. The case will come up before Judge Deady on the 4th of next month. When the river steamer City of Salem landed at her wharf in Salem Tuesday night about 9 o'clock she was boarded by Deputy U. S. Marshal E. D. Curtis and libeled upon papers issued out of the U. S. circuit court. The captain or owners were ordered to appear before Judge Deady on the 4th of April. Just what was the immediate cause of the libel could not be learned, but it is a continuation of the trouble between the Capitol Flouring Mills company and Wm. Reid, who are joint owners of the boat.

THE INVESTIGATION.—Yesterday the court of inquiry was in session and the investigation of the disaster to the launch New York resumed. Capt. Hoben, of the British bark Andrata, who was an eye witness of the accident, gave his testimony. Two of the passengers on the New York—Eugene Daniels and George Bez—were also examined. These witnesses stated that after backing up Capt. Smith did everything in his power to keep the bow of the steamer into the current, but the latter was too strong and swung him down upon the cable. There is one more witness, Oliver C. Baker, who took a life preserver and swam ashore, and his testimony will be taken to-day. The court then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

LARGE SALMON SHIPMENTS.—On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week the Northern Pacific Express company carried out of Portland thirty tons of fresh salmon, an average of ten tons a day. Yesterday the shipments dropped off, and only five tons were taken out. The salmon were destined for New York, Chicago, St. Paul and Denver. As every one out here knows, the first run of salmon are always the best, and never were finer ones caught than those taken this week. Rains late last week swelled the tributaries of the Columbia, "riling" the waters of the latter just enough to induce the royal chinook to run up. With bright weather, the river is getting clear again, and no salmon are expected until the next hard rain.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Wm. L. Bodle, of Carlton, Yamhill county, died suddenly at his home Tuesday, of heart disease. It seems that Mr. Bodle was stricken down while at work putting in a gate upon his premises. The body was still warm, when discovered but no one saw him fall. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Bodle was a native of Ohio, aged 63 years, and leaves a most estimable wife, three sons and a daughter, Mrs. A. P. Wilson. He served through the army of the rebellion with distinction, and removed to Oregon from Nebraska for his health, about three years since. He was a member of Corinth Post, G. A. R., of Genoa, Nebraska.

THE FRUITVIL YAKIMA COUNTRY.—Mr. B. B. Kinne, of North Yakima, has been in the city for several days. He gives glowing descriptions of the Yakima valley and the Yakima country generally. He says that watermelons, sweet potatoes, yams, peanuts, tobacco, sorghum, and even cotton, have been successfully cultivated there, and asserts that peaches, grapes, apricots, pomegranates, prunes, etc., are successfully grown as far north as the mouth of the Wenatchee river, where there are several fine orchards. The winter has been exceedingly mild and the loss in stock will not reach more than 5 per cent., inclusive of all animals.

DOGS ARE STILL "FERE NATURE."—In Justice Tuttle's court yesterday Pauline Maudens was tried and acquitted on a charge of stealing a dog from her former husband Antone Maudens. As the statute provides that a dog is not personal property and therefore cannot be a subject of larceny, the complaint was modified to charge her with stealing the collar, but even this did not stick. During the session of the legislature of 1885 a bill was passed making a canine personal property, but it failed to become a law for want of an enacting clause. At the last session of the legislature an attempt to pass a like bill failed.

"ROBERT EMMET."—This evening, at the Casino opera house, the great historical drama of "Robert Emmet" will be presented, under the auspices of the Irish American Dramatic society of Portland. The performance will commence at 8 o'clock sharp. The piece has been judiciously cast and thoroughly rehearsed under competent management. An excellent rendition may be looked for by the public. General admission 50 cents, reserved seats $1. Box sheet open at McKercher & Thompson's store.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL BALL.—This evening the old pioneer Irish organization, the Portland Hibernian Benevolent society, will give their twenty-seventh anniversary ball at Turn halle. Splendid music has been engaged for the occasion. The management of the affair has been entrusted to competent committees. Nothing has been omitted which can contribute to the success and pleasure of the ball. Already a large number of tickets have been sold and a crowded hall may be confidently expected.

PAINTIN' THE TOWN.—Dick Collins, an employe of the Electric Light company, and a young fellow named Edward Cavanaug'h broke a window in Mary Cook's place on Fourth street at 1:30 this morning by putting their fists through the glass just because they felt like it. Policeman Beyer says that only a few minutes before Cavanaugh turned over a packing case in front of J. Selling & Co.'s store. Cavanaugh and Collins were arrested by policemen Smith and Holeapple.

EFFORT FOR PARDON.—An effort is being made to obtain the pardon of James Hayden from the penitentiary. Hayden was the partner of Bruce Creighton, and in 1883 was sent up for ten years for robbing Pittinger & Weatherred's store in Hillsboro, and stealing a lot of watches. Creighton was pardoned by Gov. Moody, and it is thought that on this account it is only fair that Hayden be released.

LARCENY ALSO.—George Hanlan, the young boy fined in the police court yesterday for being on the streets at unlawful hours, is also accused of the larceny of ten copies of the *Sunday Mercury* last January, and on this charge will have a hearing to-day. Hanlan's father is a hard-working, industrious man. The authorities are not disposed to be harsh on the boy, although they state he has been guilty of numerous pilferings.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.—A special meeting of the board of police commissioners was held yesterday, Messrs. Cardwell and Bourne present. Policeman C. P. Elwanger tendered his resignation, which was accepted, to take effect at once. The resignation of H. M. Hudson was taken from the table and accepted. He was then appointed a regular policeman. Adjourned.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE.—The central committee of the State Prohibition Amendment league meets to-day in the board of trade rooms at 10 o'clock A. M.

THE ROW AT THE ASYLUM.—A few days back we quoted from the Salem *Statesman* a statement to the effect that the board of asylum commissioners had exonerated Frazier and Cooke, parties to the recent row at the asylum, accepted their resignations and declined to confirm the action of Dr. Joseph. The *Statesman*, again referring to this matter in its issue of yesterday, says: "It is denied that it was the intention of the board of asylum commissioners to exonerate E. J. Frazier and Clinton Cooke when they accepted their resignations. When the resignations were presented to the board the matter was referred to Dr. Joseph, and he consented that their resignations be accepted, provided they should date from the time they were discharged by him. And so the matter rests."

A BIG ENTERPRISE.

Reaching Out to the Great Northwest.

A copy of the Philadelphia *Times* before us contains a full page statement showing the rapid growth of an institut on in that city which has been organized scarce y a year. This is the Solicitors' Company, and their enterprise is shown in the article referred to, which is profusely illustrated, with a map of Oregon and Washington. The article appears in Philadelphia and at 29 Stark street, this city, the latter being even more pretentious than the one in the "City of Brotherly Love." Certificates, seals, etc. From the introductory we glean the following:

That there is nothing so successful as success was perhaps never better illustrated than by the Solicitor's Company and their system. Its inception the company was an assured success, and its organization was as phenomenal as its development has been rapid. In a city like Philadelphia, where conservatism is the law of capitalists, a company that had to refuse applications for shares of its stock must have been organized on a solid basis and backed by wealth and influence. Yet such is the experience of the Solicitors' Company, which, though only nine months old, is already doing a business far in excess of the greatest expectations of its organizers.

The idea of organizing the company was conceived in the fall of 1885 by George and William Wagner, sons of old Charles Wagner, who for many years conducted the law and conveyancing business at 313 North Sixth street, where the sons now carry on the business. Their idea was to start a corporation that could do the same kind of business they were doing, only on a more extensive scale. In developing this conception they conferred freely with Alexander M. Fox and Franklin A. Comly, lifelong friends of their father, and from them received valuable aid in the inception of their work. Later on they were joined by J. Carroll McCaffrey, a well-known Walnut street lawyer; Richard W. Clay, also a lawyer, a son of the late Joseph A. Clay, Esq., and Richard S. Hunter, the present solicitor of the company. These five gentlemen came together in the middle of January of last year. Knowing there was a large field for investments in Western and Southern mortgages, which had been but little developed in Philadelphia, and being granted extensive privileges by the act of 1874 and its supplements, they drew up an outline for a title, trust, collection and investment company.

The board of directors is composed of men who stand pre-eminent in their professions and enterprises, embracing as it does such names as Charles F. Parry, of the firm of Burnham, Parry, Williams & Co., proprietors of the Baldwin locomotive works; William Hacker; Lewis H. Redner, a well known conveyancer on Walnut street; H. Crawford Coates, a retired capitalist. Mr. Coates was also the first man to conduct livingstone into the heart of Africa. William B. Scott, of the large coal-operating firm of John C. Scott & Sons and a director of the Independence National bank; Henry W. Brown, a prominent fire insurance man and real estate operator, who erected the building occupied by the company and who is largely interested in real estate in the heart of the city; Justice Cox, Jr., head of the large iron brokerage firm of Justice Cox, Jr., & Co., who are agents for the Catasauqua iron company; William T. Dietz, a well known tea importer, largely interested in real estate; John M. Shrigley, at one time connected with the large tool works of Bement & Co., but who retired two years ago with a fortune; James Auil, now operating a broker's office on Wall street, New York, for many years a resident of Philadelphia and a member here of the firm of Grant & Auil, and who has spent a number of years in the investment business; William A. Wagner, one of the projectors of the company, and T. DeWitt Cuyler, son of the late Theodore Cuyler, who was at the time of his death the leader of the Philadelphia bar. Mr. Cuyler has developed a business of his own—that of representing a number of foreign capitalists who are making and have made investments in this country. In attending to this business he has traveled extensively throughout the West and gained a vast experience, which is exceedingly valuable to the company. He is also a director of the Equitable Life Insurance company of New York.

The list of stockholders, though small, is exceedingly strong.

Referring to the Portland office it has this to say:

SELECTING THE TERRITORY.

The Northern Pacific region seemed to offer greater advantages than any portion of the middle West. But few companies were in operation there and there was a demand for money. In considering the best way of accomplishing the intention of the company it was decided not to purchase investments from another company already doing business there, but to place them directly by one of their own officials, who would in every case personally examine the security offered for the loan. It was also decided that the western manager should not be compensated by a commission on the amounts placed by him, but by a fixed salary, to be increased in the future as his business developed, he being judged not only by the amount of his business, but principally by the nature of the securities.

For this important position the company secured the services of J. Carrol McCaffrey, one of the projectors and directors of the company, he being at the same time one of its largest stockholders. Mr. McCaffrey's experience as a real estate lawyer and conveyancer had been very extensive and his judgment on real estate was considered good by those capable of judging. He was, of course, unacquainted with values in the region to which he was going, but being thoroughly grounded on the principles of his profession it was deemed that in a comparatively short time he would be enabled to place his loans with care and to the benefit of the company. He removed to Portland, Oregon, last summer, established an office and set to work to learn values in the region.

A CAREFUL EXAMINATION.

He spent three months carefully examining the records of the recent sales before placing a loan. All the blanks, bonds, mortgages and other papers used in both Oregon and Washington territory have been submitted to the judgment of the best legal talent in the region. These mortgages are notarially sealed, both principal and interest, which, though a matter of no moment now, may become so in the future. They bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent., and both interest and principal are payable at the company's office in Philadelphia and guaranteed absolutely by the company, which agrees to pay the interest when it is due and to continue payment until the principal is fully paid.

The mortgages generally run for five years, though the guaranty provides that the company may extend the time two years should the necessity arise. The valuation placed upon these mortgaged lands is in all cases the price which the property would bring at sheriff's sale, but the value that might be realized under favorable circumstances by private sale. By the company's regulations not more than 40 per cent. of this valuation can be loaned upon the property, though in some cases when property is of a special value and likely to increase rapidly a trifle larger sum may be loaned, though as a rule the amount loaned is rather less than more than the prescribed limit. Mr. McCaffrey has already placed a

QUARTER MILLION OF DOLLARS

in the Northwest in the four months past. Some forty resident agents have been appointed in the various cities whose business passes through the Portland office.

The statement closes with a lengthy description of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, which is very flattering to this section, and which will be of great service in attracting attention to the Northwest. Tomorrow the president of the company, Mr. Frederick S. Dickson, is expected to arrive here via the overland route, and a good report of this favored section we may anticipate through him.

REVOLUTION IN BILLIARDS.

It has been a long time since we have had a "boom" in billiards. In years gone by match games occurred almost weekly in which Josh Daniels and other local players took part, and the famous players who have entertained lovers of the game in this city were Joe Dion and Rudolphs. There is to be a revival, and no less a personage than W. F. Lowry, the billiard expert of San Francisco, is to bring about the revolution in billiards. This gentleman has closed a contract with the proprietors of the well known Brunswick billiard rooms whereby he will take the management of these parlors, beginning to-day. He has inaugurated a system which will be entirely new and which promises to give universal satisfaction to players. The prices will be regulated by the hour, and most games charged for on a different and more satisfactory scale. The tables are in perfect order now, but improvements will be introduced from time to time. On April 1 the hall will be improved and otherwise in all its structure. Mr. Lowry will be pleased to cross cues with our local experts at any time, and interesting games may be witnessed daily in consequence. The Brunswick will be the resort in the future for lovers of the popular game of billiards.

MILITIA CHAPLAIN APPOINTED.

HEADQ'RS 1ST INF., 2D BRIG., O. S. M.,
PORTLAND, March 9.

General Order No. 4.]

The Rev. George W. Foote is hereby appointed regimental chaplain, subject to the approval and commission of his excellency, the governor, with rank of captain, to date from March 9, 1887.

By order LIEUT.-COL. MERRILL.
E. R. ADAMS, 1st Lieut. and Act. Adjt.

Handsome Presents Given Away.

Our system of giving presents with our goods is done in the spirit of liberality and to still further advertise our numerous stores and distribute our teas and coffees. So that their merits may be known. Considering the magnitude of our business, having now thirty retail branch stores, it is easily seen that a small percentage of profit in our enormous sales simply pays us and enables us to deal more liberally with our customers than any other house can possibly do. Great Eastern Tea company, 223 First street and 53 Washington street. The largest importers and retailers on the coast, depot for fine teas, coffees, extracts, spices and baking powder. Call and give us a trial.

A Rare Opportunity.

To accommodate the many patients and persons wishing to consult with and receive medical and surgical treatment from DR. LIEBIG & CO., the renowned San Francisco specialists of the Liebig Dispensary they will open offices for one month, from March 11th, 1887, at Knickerbocker house, on Washington street, between Third and Fourth streets. *Consultation free.*

AMONG THE RAILWAYS.

Another Important Resignation from the O. R. & N. Co.

Talk About Another Railroad from the Columbia River to Puget Sound—Local News Notes.

The resignation of Manager Prescott of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company was accompanied by the resignation of Mr. H. S. Rowe, superintendent of the company. This action has occasioned no little surprise, and is regarded as "meaning something." Of one thing the public may be assured—it was not a case of being "requested to resign," and the probability is that the directors will insist on both remaining. Some well informed men are of the opinion that Messrs. Prescott and Rowe have in contemplation some transportation scheme which will be inimical to the O. R. & N., and that they deem it dishonorable to perfect the scheme while in the service of the O. R. & N. Each of the gentlemen was questioned upon this point and each gave positive denial. Both said that they intended to remain permanently in Portland, where they have property interests.

ANOTHER ROAD TO THE SOUND RUMORED.

There is reason to believe that a scheme is on foot to build a line from a point on the north bank of the Columbia river near Vancouver to Seattle, paralleling the Northern Pacific. Such a scheme has been rumored here for a week past, but it could not be traced to a reliable source. Yesterday an OREGONIAN reporter interviewed a gentleman not disconnected with railroad interests, who stated positively that another line would be built to the Sound, and that work would commence soon. The plan, he said, was to start at Vancouver and build north, keeping about eighteen miles to the East of the Northern Pacific, touching at Tacoma, and terminating at Seattle. A large ferry, similar to the Northern Pacific's transfer boat, would be put on to run between Vancouver and a point opposite, and a switch run to this point from the O. R. & N. Co.'s main line. He further stated that most of the capital required would be advanced by Portland men, and he named two capitalists who were indentified with the enterprise. Primarily, the road would be a local enterprise, but it would be the Union Pacific's outlet to the Sound.

THE SEASIDE TRAVEL.

Now that the Olympian has been leased to the Pacific Coast Steamship company for the summer, to run on the Alaska route the O. R. & N. have no special boat for the seaside travel, at least none that can compete in speed with the Telephone. There is the Alaskan lying at the boneyard in the same unfinished condition that she arrived from New York nearly three years ago. I will require the expenditure of $12,000 to $15,000 to put her in good running trim, and it may be that she will be fitted up for the Ilwaco and Clatsop route. This is one of the matters which will be brought to President Smith's notice when he comes out. If she is not fitted up the opposition boat will do the bulk of the seaside travel next summer, which will be very comfortable for Capt. U. B. Scott and Capt. J. H. D. Gray.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. John Donnelly of The Dalles, chief train dispatcher of the O. R. & N., is in the city.

Mr. H. H. Browning, superintendent of the Northern Pacific express, returned yesterday from a trip to Helena.

Mr. B Campbell, general freight agent of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, returns to-day from New York.

A representative of the Short Line stated yesterday that Elijah Smith, president of the O. R. & N., had left New York on the 15th for Portland, and that he would meet Charles Francis Adams, president of the Union Pacific, at Omaha, both gentlemen coming to Portland together, presumably to close the lease and look after the bridges and depots on this side.

R. L. VanDusen, chief clerk in the office of Otis Sprague, superintendent of the Pacific division of the Northern Pacific railroad, has resigned his position and will leave Tacoma in a few days for Birmingham, Ala. Mr. VanDusen's place in the superintendent's office will be filled by C. C. Padgett, who is now in Assistant General Manager Buckley's office.

NOTES.

The snow was three feet deep on a level at Heron yesterday, and melting fast.

The delayed Northern Pacific train is due here at 5 this morning with four days' mail.

An employment agency here sent 200 laborers this week to Eagle gorge, on the western slope of the Cascades, for the Northern Pacific.

A great deal of interest is felt here over the Northern Pacific directory meeting to-day, which will determine on the summer's "campaign."

Overland travel eastward is picking up. There were nineteen through passengers from Portland yesterday. Local travel on the O. R. & N. shows a handsome increase over February.

Remarked a prominent Northern Pacific man to an OREGONIAN reporter yesterday: "Mark this. Just so sure as the O. R. & N. is leased to the Union Pacific, just so sure will the Northern Pacific build down the north bank of the Columbia to Portland.

Two representatives of the Central Pacific have been in the city for the past week, studying the architecture of the O. & C. general offices at foot of F street. The employes in the building have made up their minds to work under new "bosses" about the 1st of July.

The cause of washouts on the Northern Pacific was ice in the rivers. When the warm weather came the ice gorged and the water backed up over the track, washing it out. It was not the extent of any one break, but numerous small washouts that gave so much trouble.

THE STAGE.

MANAGER GOLDSTEIN'S BENEFIT.—Saturday night, at the Casino, M. B. Goldstein, the popular opera house manager, receives a grand complimentary benefit, when an unusually attractive bill will be given, consisting of "Fun on the Bristol" or "The Widow O'Brien," with James T. Kelly as the Widow O'Brien and Harry Brown as Jerry Thompson and Louis Dammnash as the count. The cast otherwise is a strong one. Among the volunteers who appear in the concert scene in the second act will be W. R. Stoel, passenger agent of the Oregon Short Line, in banjo solos, Messrs. Meyer and Rosefeald, leading acrobats of the Portland Turn Verein, in ground and lofty tumbling. Mr. Goldstein has done much for the amusement seekers of Portland and is deserving of recognition.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.—Following Nellie Boyd at the New Market, will come Horace Erving's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company, who open Monday evening, the 21st inst. California exchanges speak well of the company, the scenery, the fine street quartette and the transformation scene with which the play closes.

NELLIE BOYD.—A large audience greeted the Nellie Boyd company last night to witness the "Passion's Slave." To-morrow evening and the remainder of the week "Unknown" will be played.

A GENEROUS OFFER TO THE CITY.

The following remarkable communication was read before the city council last night:

We the undersigned made a proposition some time ago to sell to the city a street-sweeping machine. We have no use for it, not being in the business; neither have we any place to keep it, unless we rent or pay storage; and if the city intends to purchase we will sell our machine for $200. It cost us $1013, and if the city does not intend to purchase a machine we will make the city a present of our machine.

There is a new broom in it now and we have enough rattan on hand to make another broom, which we will throw in. Hoping that your honorable body will view this with favor, respectfully submitted. WATERHOUSE & CO.

This is the first instance on record where a man did not want to receive from the public crib all he thought he could get. Under the circumstances it would be the duty of the council to pass a resolution that "the city does not intend to purchase a machine."

PERSONAL.

Richard Smitten, manager for C. H. Dodd & Co. at Walla Walla, is in this city on a business trip.

John W. Mackay, the California millionaire, has written that he will come to Portland about the end of this month. His mission is not known to his agents here. Perhaps his visit is only for pleasure.

Mr. Frederick S. Dickson, president of the Solicitors' company, of Philadelphia, is expected to arrive to-morrow from the East. The success of the Western branch of the company under Mr. McCaffrey's management will no doubt give Mr. Dickson a very favorable opinion of this section and result in further investments through Eastern capitalists.

John Henry pleaded with Aunella,
And all his passion tried to tell her.
She said, "John H., your words you waste,
Your teeth betray a want of taste,
Your breath offends me, so I say,
Use SOZODONT or stay away."

FACTS & FIGURES.

Portland to be the Actual Terminus of Three Transcontinental Railways.

A Position Occupied by No Other City on the Pacific Coast.

Over Five Million Dollars to be Expended in Improvements in Portland and Vicinity During the Current Year.

THE O. R. & N. LEASE HAS BEEN LEGALIZED by an act of the Oregon Legislature, and it is now an indisputable fact that Portland is to be the competing point and actual terminus of the three great transcontinental railway lines—the Union, Northern and Southern Pacific. This means increased business, increased wealth, increased population, and a rapid rise in city and suburban property, of which we have over 2000 pieces, which we are offering at prices that will enable everyone to secure a home before the boom. In addition to our list of residence properties, we have a number of choice pieces of business property in Portland, East Portland, Albina and Salem, to which the attention of Eastern investors is called. If you want to secure a home and an independence at the same time, through an investment in real estate, don't wait until Portland assumes the proportions of Kansas City, which it will in the course of five years, but make it at once, and thereby secure the benefit of the rise.

Below will be found a partial list of our property, the ownership of which is sure to enrich the lucky purchaser:

$175 WILL BUY A WELL-MATCHED SPAN of horses, one nine and the other five years old, perfectly sound and gentle; will work single, double, or under the saddle; can trot inside of 3:00 minutes; and one of them in particular can be driven by a child or lady with perfect safety; will be sold separate if desired. For particulars see HENNELLY, FLYNN & CO.

$120 EACH—TEN CHOICE LOTS IN THE Gantick tract now being developed directly north of Albina; only twenty minutes' walk from the terminal works, and on the line of the proposed Albina and East Portland railway; terms, $10 down, balance in $10 monthly installments. For further particulars, see Hennelly, Flynn & Co., 127½ First st., over Merchants' National bank.

$2850—A BEAUTIFUL LOT 50x100 FEET on E street, in a desirable neighborhood; suitable for two nice dwellings; terms, $900 down, balance in two years at 8 per cent.

$1600—BEAUTIFUL CORNER LOT IN the vicinity of Twentieth and G streets; street and sidewalk improved and street cars pass the property; also two other good inside lots in same locality for $1500 each. Terms ⅓ half cash, balance on time at 10 per cent.

$5000 HEART OF THE CITY, containing two good dwellings, renting for an aggregate of $55 per month; street and sidewalk improved; the houses are insured for three years and in good repair. Terms ⅓ cash, balance in one or two years at ten per cent.

$900—A GOOD TWO STORY BUILDING IN the business center of the city, with long lease, and ground rent only $15 per mo.; now used as a blacksmith shop, which is partially subject for sale; also two good sets of blacksmith tools.

$7500 WILL BUY THREE SPLENDID lots, 25x100 each in the business center of East Portland, containing a good business structure, now renting for a sure 8 per cent. on the investment. Terms, one-half cash; balance in 3 years.

$4000 WILL PURCHASE A BEAUTIFUL quarter block on East Park street; street and sidewalk improved; can be made to pay 12 per cent. in rents alone.

A BARGAIN—A GOOD SECOND-class hotel, containing 25 well furnished rooms, and doing a splendid business; will sell furniture and good will and property if desired.

$4200 WILL BUY A BEAUTIFUL LOT ON Eighth st., in a good neighborhood

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

OREGON

John Lady and L Dehrehmuth killed a large gray wolf last week near Sheridan It was quite an object of interest to those who had never seen one

Salem *Statesman* Mrs Salome Brower was Tuesday examined by Drs Carpen er and Rowland before Judge Shaw as to her mental condition, and was by them declared to be insane Mrs Brower is 68 years old, and old age and general debility has thrown her off her mental balance.

Gov Pennoyer has during the past week made the following appointments of notaries public W G Jennie, Portland D B Rees, Union, J Walton, Eugene City, R H Buddy, Portland J H Revenue, Sandy, Clackamas county, R L Durham, Bruce L Carr L M Parrish Portland Henry Wade, Gardiner, James b Reed, Portland

It is reported, says the *Asloriun*, that the prospecting force of men on Lewis and Clarke is engaged in selecting suitable rock for the jetty, have been discharged. It is in contemplation to shortly place a corps of engineers in the field to make a preliminary survey for a line of railroad from Fort Stevens to a suitable point on the Lewis and Clarke s

Astorian Several canneries are busy making cans, and a considerable amount of gear is being put in readiness, though it is probable little will be done in the way of catching fish for five weeks yet The April fishing is particularly destructive to gear and no harvest unsatisfactory, and the tendency every season is to push the beginning of the season toward the 1st of May

The sheep law, which has practically been a dead letter upon the statute books it appears is to be enforced Monday says the Albany *Herald* the freight agent of the O & C at this place received orders not to accept any sheep for shipment unless they had been inspected and a certificate of their being free from disease had been issued by the sheep inspector This ob servance of the law is likely to cause hardship as a number of sheep offered for shipment on Tuesday was obliged to await the appointment of an inspector, or the bringing of the first appointed inspector from the southern part of the county.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY

Only 237 names of voters have been registered at Tacoma for the coming municipal election there

Mrs W G Latimer, an estimable lady of North Seattle, died there Monday She was buried Tuesday.

Judge R A Jones, the newly appointed chief justice of the supreme court of Washington territory, opened a term of court at Whatcom

Monday a heavy northeaster prevailed at Port Townsend, greatly discommoding shipping interests and highly appreciated by the steam tugs

Willis Boatman, Warren J. Boatman and A. J Coy, of Puyallup valley, contracted with A. C Campbell, of Puyallup, to deliver to him 30,000 pounds of this year's hops at 15 cents per pound.

Monday, says a Seattle exchange, there were four men in the Seattle chain gang—one Indian, one half-breed, one old chronic drunk and a young fellow who was caught making love to a maiden of the forest and arrested for vagrancy

The annual inspection and muster of the National guard of Washington took place Tuesday evening at the armory building. Adjutant General Rees and O'Brien was the mustering officer Gov Watson C Squire and staff were in attendance

Capt John Baker, who commanded the ship John Rosenfield when she was wrecked on Saturna island about a year ago, will be placed in command of the ship Sargent, which will be brought from New York to engage in the coal trade between Nanaimo and San Francisco.

Miss Dora Horton, daughter of Julius Horton, and niece of Dexter Horton, the Seattle banker, was married at the residence of her parents on the Duwamish river, Tuesday afternoon, to Mr. Frank Ball The happy couple will spend their honey moon on British soil

According to the Tacoma *News* there has been paid out by that city since July 1, 1886, and up to March 1, 1887, the following amounts For general purposes $14 202 51, repair of roads $5,227 67, improving and laying out new streets $45,160 87, salaries of officers $8,038 80, total $72,623 76 There are now street improvements under way and contemplated, which are to be finished by the end of this fiscal year, that will cost about $10,000

The Indians on the Squaxin reservation held a monthly term of court for the purpose of adjudicating matters between the Indians there The court is composed of three judges and a clerk and it has arrived at such a point of dispute in several cases, that Superintendent Eells, of the Puyallup agency was sent for Tuesday evening Mr Eells left Tacoma for the reservation for a few days, when he will act as the supreme court, and decide all matters in dispute in the court below

Tuesday afternoon at Seattle Will Lindsley and Chas F Ward, two young men, were thrown from a wagon The horses took fright and started to run, throwing both the men out Lindsley was caught by the feet in the front spring and dragged underneath the wagon nearly to Front street before the horses were stopped He was badly bruised up and received a small cut on his forehead, but was able to get up and walk home Mr Ward was more seriously injured When thrown from the wagon he struck upon his head and left shoulder, knocking the shoulder out of joint and cutting a large gash in his head Ward's wounds were dressed The surgeon says he will be around in about two weeks Lindsley is not seriously injured, but pretty badly bruised up, and will not be able to do much for a few days

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Salmon are reported to have commenced running in the Fraser river

The panther shot by Mr John Weir at Metchosin last week, is generally considered the largest ever brought to Victoria, its weight being 136 pounds

The revenue collected by the provincial government from the New Westminster district for the half year ending December 31, 1886, was $24 347 94 This is the largest amount collected from any district in the province

Monday morning Digby Palmer, an old and highly esteemed citizen well known in musical and other circles in Victoria, died at St. Josepu s hospital, where he had been a patient for a short time His death was not unexpected, for it was known during the last few days that his end was fast approaching He came to Victoria in the early sixties. He was bandmaster for a number of years to the East India company

In speaking of the blockade on the Canadian Pacific railroad, the Victoria *Times* of Monday says Superintendent Abbott is perfectly sanguine that the track would be in shape to send a train through to-day Monday) and regularly thereafter The main trouble has been on the Hieichiwan river The roadbed is undisturbed From the mountain sides slides have taken place, depositing on the track snow, ice gravel and rock, which has to be shoveled out inch by inch and carried away by construction trains A bridge was seriously damaged but is all right again The slides beyond Moody to Kamloops are not worth mentioning A large force of men are at work in the mountains

STOCK AND RANGE.

Fossil Journal

From a reliable gentleman at Monument, Grant county, Or, the following items in regard to the stock interest in that section of the country are learned

The loss in sheep was about 25 per cent. in that country The loss was due to lack of feed generally The principal losses in sheep so far as obtained were as follows Wm Welsh lost 1500 out of 7000 head Buck Bros lost 2,000 out of 6000 & W McHaley lost 1500 out of 4000 Henry Welsh having some feed, only lost 600 out of 4000, Lawrence Swick lost 800 out of 2400 Arthur Hamilton, son of Senator Hamilton, lost 1500 out of 2600, John Carey lost 1000 out of 3500 There was no loss of horses more than would occur from old age, etc., at any season of the year

About (not over) one per cent. of the cattle died Pry Wilson wintered 500 head of cattle and only lost 10 head, two of which were drowned in crossing the John Day on the ice He gathered up the poor old cows and calves and fed them The rest wintered on the range These figures will certainly discourage men from running large bands of sheep without providing feed, for more reasons than one

FARM NOTES

Farmers in the vicinity of Central Point, Jackson county, have commenced plowing and will get in a large crop, notwithstanding the delay on account of bad weather

Pine creek beats the world for fruit and vegetables says the Fossil *Journal*. The largest peaches, the largest plums, the largest cabbage, the largest carrots, the largest beets and the largest melons this quill shover ever saw, smelt or tasted came from Pine creek. Think of a cabbage head weighing thirty-four pounds of beets and carrots from twenty to thirty pounds and three feet long, resembling cord wood stacked up, of watermelons so long that a quarter of a melon fills a Siwash so full that he grunts, of peaches like gloriamundi apples in Web Foot.

RAILROAD BOLTS.

Kittitas *Localizer* The track upon the west side is about six and one-half miles from the west portal of the tunnel. The soft weather at the front during the past week caused the snow to settle a great deal and in many places and very ill deep blockaded the track, making the train service rather irregular between Cle-el-um and Martin

Says the Palouse City *News* Engineer Lewis and crew are working away on the S & P line below town The weather has been very unfavorable, but they put in every possible moment

Up to March 10, the following progress on the Stampede tunnel is reported East end, heading, 1085 feet, east end, breast, 138 feet west end, heading, 1921 feet west end, breast, 1577 feet

The graders will probably be at work before many days on the Spokane & Palouse City railroad The grade is all gone and the frost is entirely out of the ground, hence we may expect to see the dirt fly

Work is now progressing at the front, says a Tacoma paper, and men are returning to the scene of the construction of the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific route Workmen are daily leaving for Eagle Gorge

Snohomish *Eye* F H Whitworth and E Terry, of Seattle, who are connected with the engineer corps of the Seattle & Bellingham Bay Railroad company, spent several days in Snohomish and vicinity this week, "letting the lay of the land"

Tacoma *Ledger* H S Huson, division engineer, and Superintendent C S Prowell left Ellensburg for A M last Monday for Tacoma, arriving at Eagle Gorge fifty miles from Tacoma) the same evening and at Tacoma the next day This is a long pretty good time, considering there is a gap of fourteen miles between the ends of the rock

Port Townsend *Call* There is hardly a doubt but that now the British Columbia & Seattle railroad will be built at an early day Mr Canard, the largest owner in the franchise is negotiating with the Canadian Pacific for the sale of a large portion of his interest to that company Should this sale be an accomplished fact, then look for lively times during the next year

Articles of incorporation will soon be filed for the Umpqua Valley & Salt Lake narrow gauge railroad The object of this road is to connect with the Umpqua river and Drain railroad near Elkton, and from there to open up a branch into the coal and iron mines of Camas valley, as well as to utilize the large lumber interest of that section, and from here to open a line to Salt Lake to connect with the Denver & Rio Grande at Salt Lake, so as to have a continuous narrow gauge system from Denver to tidewater

INDIAN CHIEF'S SPEECH

GARRY, THE UPPER SPOKANE CHIEFTAIN, HAS A CHARACTERISTIC TALK TO THE INDIAN COMMISSION

The other day Garry, the chief of the Upper Spokane Indians, delivered a touching address to the Indian commission, which was in session at Spokane Falls After some matters had been explained to him, and he fully understood the object of the commission, Chieftain Garry said

It is the piece of land that Louis sold that our father claim. We had lines, Coeur d'Alene lines, Colvilles had lines, all had lines That was the land that the Indians claim The Indians were not sorry then, but now they are very pitiful Now we are talking about this land we have just marked off Washington's people are thick, but this is my land Washington never gave us a bit for it. All nations have been paid, but we never received a bit. Now we are talking about this land This is all I want. I am getting old The English and Americans should have shown us how to read and write, then we should have brains Jesus Christ told us to read

Jesus Christ wants us to read the New Testament What I want is to take the land that is marked out, and all the white man's land is 160 acres. That is what I want. I don't want to leave my country. Don't want to be all the while an Indian That is what I want. I want my people to swear and take the white man's and God Almighty's law, and when Jesus Christ comes down—that is all what I want. That is my heart Take the white man's law If any man murders take the white man s law

Then we will all be fixed That is my heart. What I want is for my children to take what Jesus Christ says. They will be there, when Jesus Christ comes and when the white man talks, I won't be because I am too old Now, when Jesus Christ came down he died for the sake of us, and that is what we want We stayed Indians too long After we die those who are good go to heaven those who are bad go to hell when Jesus Christ comes he will find us here and he will part us He will take those of us who are good up to heaven with him, and send those who are bad to hell

WHY THEY WERE DISCHARGED

AN EXPLANATION GIVEN IN REGARD TO THE ALLEGED SMUGGLING OF OPIUM

Several days since the mate, steward and another officer were discharged from the steamer Emma Hayward, and new men employed in their places One of the steamboat men, in speaking of the matter to a reporter of the Seattle *Post Intelligencer*, says

"You see, certain persons on the steamers plying between Tacoma and Victoria are in the opium smuggling business They found it very easy to get the stuff to Tacoma, but the ones was no sale for it there, and as there are two or three inspectors and a deputy collector at that point, they found it very difficult to ship the stuff undetected to Portland. In order to get around that difficulty they arranged to place the stuff in charge of certain officers on the Hayward, while the boats lay side by side at Tacoma, who carried it to Olympia, where there was no customs officer, and from which point the opium could be shipped to Portland or San Francisco without fear of detection"

All went well till recently, when one morning the watchman on the Pacific neglected to call the mate at the time appointed for him to get up, and when reprimanded by the captain the mate laid the blame to the watchman This led to bad feeling between the mate and watchman, and the latter, to get even, gave away to the captain, in the presence of a customs officer, the whole opium scheme, and proved the truth of his assertion by pointing out ten pounds of smuggled opium in the mate's bunk.

"This opium was seized by Deputy Collector Price, who had just been appointed to that position at Olympia. The exposition of this illegal business, as I told you on the start, led to the summary dismissal from the company's employ of the mate, steward and one or two other employes on the Hayward"

SKELETON FOUND

A MYSTERY WHICH REMAINS UNSOLVED—BONES OF A CHILD ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED

A few days ago one of Casey Officer's boys discovered the skeleton of a child under a high cliff just across the river from Mr Officer's ranch in Grant county In speaking of the ghastly find the Grant county *News* says

The skeleton was entire and well preserved, the ligaments holding all the bones together From the shape of the head it is supposed to have been a white child, but how long it has lain there, or how it came to be there, will doubtless remain a mystery

One plausible theory advanced is that during the Indian raid in the summer of 1878 the red demons murdered a family of emigrants and captured the child which afterwards made its escape and perished From the appearance of the teeth, etc., the child is not supposed to have been over 10 years of age

Those who may be acquainted with the topography of that portion of the country will remember that it is very broken, the long table lands being seamed by deep ravines, leaving high bluffs and almost perpendicular walls fronting the river, between these galches On one of these bluffs, under a shelving rock, in sight of Mr. Officer's house, the body was found

Had anyone wandered from the hills above down to this bench, or bluff, and seen the house below, their only object would be to gain their friendly shelter, especially if they were in trouble It being impossible to descend the cliff, one would have to go back a quarter or perhaps a half a mile in order to reach one of the gulches leading down to the river A child would hardly reason thus, but would very naturally lie down and die, alone and unattended by a mother s loving care

FROZEN TO DEATH

AN OLD COLON SETTLER FOUND DEAD IN HIS CABIN

An old settler, commonly known as Auger Thompson, who is an old resident of Comox and lived in a small cabin two miles from any other settler, a few days ago was found dead in his cabin, ten miles from the wharf, says a recent number of the Victoria *Colonist*

Horace Smith called at the cabin, and not receiving an answer to his knock, opened the door and discovered the old man lying on the floor It is supposed that he either died from heart disease or became too ill to cook his food and died from starvation There was a good stock of provisions on hand, which proves that it must have been from sudden or severe illness that he died Scattered around him on the floor was his stock of poultry, frozen to death.

He had evidently opened a small door from the cabin to the chicken house during the cold weather, and they died from cold and hunger with their owner It is not known how long the old man lay there dead, as his cabin was out of the way and infrequently called at, but it is thought that he must have been dead at least a month. His body when discovered was thawing out and presented a ghastly appearance.

The deceased was always considered slightly engaged, and about four years ago left Comox and proceeded to England Returning, he married a widow of Cusshnugh and endeavored to induce his old acquaintances to believe that he was an Englishman together different individual He was about 50 years of age and a native of Yorkshire, England

A HAPPY REUNION

Tacoma Ledger March 16

There was a happy reunion of families on Tuesday, at Port Townsend It was reported early in the morning that the tug Mogul was towing in a big ship heavy laden The Caronodelet had been out 115 days from Liverpool and was expected every day Capt J H Stetson, brother of the commander of the Carondolet, went out in the steam launch Little Joe and before the big ship had anchored the two brothers who had not seen each other for years, and Capt J H Stetson's son, the mate of the ship, were embracing each other

After the usual custom house inspection, Capt W H Stetson of the ship, went ashore to meet his wife, who left Liverpool after his departure came across the ocean by steamer, and has since been until recently visiting friends in Maine The first part of the voyage of the Carondolet was an stormy that she was blowed to put back to Holyhead. After her departure from there she met with a succession of gales in the North Atlantic of which Mrs Stetson has a broken hatches and compelled Capt Stetson to go to Madeira for repairs sailing from there on the 14th of November her long voyage around the Horn and by good provisions throughout the Carondolet discharges 4000 tons of freight at Port Townsend, which will be bonded and then comes to this city

LOVE AND ELOPEMENT

A few days ago a case of love and elopement among the Indians occurred on Hungan, Spokane county, came to light It seems a young maid of tender years and a brawny warrior of the tribe became deeply enamored of each other but on account of the youthfulness of the girl, she being only 15 years of age the stern parents objected to matrimony Following a custom long in vogue among the white people the young couple met secretly at an appointed trysting place, and when their plans were fully matured and the girl induced to leave her mother, the couple slipped for parts unknown The startling elopement took place last Thursday, and the parents of the girl are as badly broken up over the affair as any civilized family could be They are making every effort to find the lovers and if discovered there may be a forcible separation and the customary despair

SALEM NOTES

SALEM, March 16

The M E church has closed a revival season that has accomplished much good

Spring seems to have come in earnest and to stay, but who can tell what an hour may bring forth?

There are now 420 patients in the insane asylum, and new arrivals have lately been at the rate of one per day.

It is expected that Deputy Sheriff Potter will return to-day from Albany with W W Saunders, and again place him in jail here

The ladies who pay taxes did not like it at all that they were not allowed to vote at the school election They talk some of contesting

The news in yesterday morning's OREGONIAN that in all probability the free delivery system would be established here is most gratifying

Mrs Smith Kearney returns to Portland to-day, after a visit to her brother, R. H. Dearborn, who has been very ill for some time. She will be accompanied by Miss Ella Dearborn.

Gov Pennoyer has commissioned S. White, of Grant's Pass, to be assistant adjutant-general on the staff of Brigadier General Siglin of the First brigade, O. S. M., with the rank of major

There is much complaint among sportsmen that fishermen are violating the fish law and catching trout from the streams around Salem An attempt will be made to bring the violators of the law to justice.

At the meeting of the school directors last night John G Wright, the new director, was sworn in to serve for the next three years Mr Simpson, the new clerk, was granted ten days in which to file his bond of $10,000

The removal of A. R. Crossman to Portland will take from this city a good business man and a sterling republican Mr Crossman's many friends sincerely regret his departure, but hope he will prosper in his new field

Rev R B Dilworth, acting pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Portland is announced to lecture in the opera house in favor of the prohibitory amendment Up pears that his church pays his expenses to go to some town and advocate that measure every Friday night.

Two parties, named D M Evans and C F Hoisington, were brought in from four miles east of town yesterday, where they had been engaged in a little row Each was fined $5 and costs, amounting in the case of Evans to $15, and of Hoisington to $16, by Justice O Donald The fines were paid.

A pleasant whist party was given last night by Mrs Gus Ehlers and Miss Mae Carpenter, at the residence of Dr Carpenter, on Church street. An interesting feature of the evening was the serenade rendered by two wandering musicians, whose services had been secured by the young gentlemen of the party

Mack Reynolds and Al Hornbuckle, two worthies who live near Swarts's mill, five miles northeast of town, was arrested last night by Deputy Crosan charged with assault on one Abel Scantlebury, an old man The two were arraigned before Justice Payne this morning Reynolds pleaded guilty, and was fined $5 and costs, amounting to $21 Hornbuckle will stand trial this afternoon

Upon the arrival of the steamboat City of Salem at her wharf a this city, last night, libel papers, issued at the instance of the Salem Steamboat company, partial owners of the boat, were served upon her by Deputy U S. Marshal Curtis This is a continuation of the trouble between the Capital Flouring Mills company and Wm Gus Ehlers, which probably be given and the boat continue on its route between this city and Fulqurtz landing

The Christian church had a very successful "relic" sociable Wednesday night Reminders of pioneer days and of war times, silverware, china, household goods, wedding garments and other things of "the long ago," with curios from our own and foreign lands, old books and coins etc., made a very interesting and instructive display. The readings by Miss Bonnie De Forrest, Miss Emily Webb, Dimple Baker, Gertie Parke, Elder J W Webb and the vocal and instrumental music by Miss Holman, Miss Blanche Savage, Miss Walling, Miss Ida Parvine, Prof Davis and others was well received The attendance was very large Socially and pecuniarily it was a pronounced success.

Miss Addi on of Corvallis, W C T U state superintendent of the department of the relation of temperance to labor and capital, recently gave an excellent address before the Vanguard assembly of Knights of Labor and many invited guests The lady did not make a hobby of total abstinence or the prohibitory amendment, but also gave startling facts and sound advice about tobacco, social purity and but one standard of morality for both men and women also pernicious literature, industrial education and strikes She advised cultivating amicable relations between labor and capital, favored arbitration, and urged a boycott particularly against liquor and tobacco Her remarks were received with much applause by the Knights, their wives and friends.

At the Pastors' union the recommendation of the committee of ministers from the state generally, as appointed at the State Temperance Alliance, was adopted It read as follows "We recommend each minister of the various branches of the church, whether in charge of a congregation or not, to consider himself especially charged with duty in preparing for the coming constitutional election We advise meetings in each church and congregation under the direction of the pastor thereof, once a month until August 31, and that afterwards union meetings be held once in two weeks until November 8 That the pastors of the various churches exchange and preach sermons in favor of the prohibition amendment in each other's pulpits That union temperance prayer meetings be held in each neighborhood, village and city"

NOTES FROM JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE, Or, March 15

Drummers are numerous

Farmers are busy at their plows

Considerable prospecting is being done in the mountains

A large number of strangers are noticeable on our streets

The new city officers have taken charge of their respective offices

Mrs George H Steward, of Vancouver, is visiting her sister, Mrs Wm M. Turner

Circuit court convened yesterday morning There are very few criminal cases on the docket

The Oregon *Sentinel* has again changed hands, Dr Will Jackson purchasing the same from Mr Langell Several important changes will be made

Our citizens are still pushing the branch railroad question and intend to "make it stick" They intend to ask aid from Portland and San Francisco merchants. It is not decided which point to build to yet.

Grass is growing nicely and the cattle that suffered during the recent heavy snowstorm are doing well. The loss was at first greatly exaggerated, but is not now estimated that it will fall short of 5 per cent Hanley Bros took a shipping a large number of cattle to the Portland market

Several improvements are being made in this place, notwithstanding hard times and "croakers"

Several acres of fine grapes are being planted near town There is plenty of grape land left, and here is a good chance for some one enjoying that Enterprise is what we want A.

LIQUORS IN ALASKA.

U S CIRCUIT COURT, DISTRICT OF OREGON

Friday March 11, 1887

Otto Nelson v The United States—No 1143 Error to the district court of Alaska

(1) TERRITORY OR THE U S The power conferred by the constitution on the government of the United States to make war and treaties implies the power to acquire territory either by conquest or treaty and the power to govern such territory until it is fit to be admitted into the Union as a state, results from the acquisition itself

(2) EQUAL POWER OF CONGRESS The power of congress over a territory of the United states extends to all rightful subjects and methods of legislation not denied to it by the constitution and consistent with the spirit and genius of the same and the purpose for which such territory may have been acquired

(3) ALASKA Congress has power in its discretion to prohibit the importation manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the district of Alaska and to make the violation of such prohibition a crime punishable by fine and imprisonment

(4) INDICTMENT—EXCEPTION IN STATUTE. An indictment charging a crime need not negative certain particulars are withdrawn from the operation of the statute creating the crime concerning a class or species constitute a part of the definition of such crime whether it need assert or negative such exceptions in the enacting clause and an indictment charging a person with the violation of such a statute need not negative such exception

(5) JURY It is not necessary in an indictment that it should set forth the facts which bring the case within the exceptions of an act of May 17 1884 (23 Stat, 24) whereby the district court in the district of Alaska is to act as a court of admiralty It was no error to refuse to instruct the jury that scientific opinion was but the same must be shown that is made to appear

(6) EVIDENCE—SALE OF PURCHASER In an indictment charging the violation of the statute prohibiting the introduction of intoxicating liquors into the district of Alaska it is not necessary to prove that the sale was made to the person named in the indictment but the same may be proved to have been made to any person

This case came up here on a writ of error to the district court for the district of Alaska, pursuant to 7 of the act of May 17 1884 (23 Stat, 24) concerning "a civil government for Alaska"

It appears from the record that on May 20, 1886, the grand jury for the district of Alaska on their oaths did present that the plaintiff in error on January 2, 1886, did, "at the town of Sitka, within said district, sell one pint of brandy, one pint of wine, one pint of whisky, one pint of beer, contrary to the statute of the United States in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States"

On July 23 the accused demurred to the indictment and for cause of demurrer alleged that (1) the statute said to be violated is unconstitutional and void (2) the indictment does not state facts sufficient to constitute a crime under the statute, which demurrer was, on September 6, overruled by the court

On September 10 the accused pleaded not guilty to the indictment and waived a trial with a jury, whereupon he was tried by the court and found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for the term of forty eight hours

There is also a bill of exceptions in the record containing the same facts This is altogether irregular and unnecessary The office of a bill of exceptions is only to reduce to writing and put on record some action of the court involving a question of law, as the admission or rejection of evidence or a direction to the jury, that ordinarily transpires in pais, and to which the party objecting the same took exceptions at the time But an act of the court, such as an order or judgment which is of due and usual course of business is entered in the records need not be excepted to, by the party against whom the same is made or given, and therefore is not the subject of a bill of exceptions Or Code of C P, § 227 230 8 Black, 372, Stat. Westm 2, 13 Ed I, ch 31

There is a provision in the act of March 3, 1879 (20 Stat, 354), allowing a writ of error from the circuit to the district court in certain criminal cases, allowing a defendant "feeling himself aggrieved by a decision of a district court" to set up thereto and tender a bill of exceptions, which being settled and signed shall become a part of the record By § 7 of the act of 1884 jurisdiction is given to this court of writs of error to the district court of Alaska in the criminal cases mentioned in the act of 1879 But the provision in § 1 of the latter act, concerning the tender and allowance of a bill of exceptions in a district court of the United States, is not made applicable to proceedings in the district court of Alaska Besides, the language of the section is very unartificial and must be construed as given to the district courts, where it applies, so that the "decision" of the court to which the defendant may except only includes such rulings or directions as would not, in the ordinary course of proceedure, otherwise appear of record Therefore it does not apply to the judgment of the court imposing punishment on the defendant.

It also appears from the record that the accused was convicted upon his own plea, and filed an affidavit and bond therefor, and to procure a supersedeas No "appeal" lies to this court from the judgment of the district court of Alaska It can only review the judgments of said court in criminal cases on a writ of error, which must be allowed by the circuit judge or justice, who may order a stay of proceedings thereon and take a bond that the same will be prosecuted to effect and the defendant will abide the judgment of the circuit court thereon Act of 1879

The indictment in this case is found under § 11 of the act of 1884, supra providing a civil government for Alaska It enacts "That the provisions of chapter three of title 23 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the unorganized territory of Alaska, shall remain in full force, except as herein specially otherwise provided and the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is hereby prohibited, except for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes, and is hereby prohibited, under the penalties which are provided in § 1963 of the Revised Statutes for the wrongful importation of distilled spirits And the president of the United States shall make such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section."

By § 1963 of the R S (c 4, act of July 1868), the president was given power to restrict and regulate or to prohibit the importation and use "* * * of distilled spirits into and within the territory of Alaska. * * * And any person violating such regulations shall be fined not more than $500 or imprisonment not more than six months"

In U S v Stephens (8 Saw, 11), this court held, that as the law then (1882) was, the introduction of spirituous liquors and wine into Alaska was "absolutely prohibited, subject to the power of the war department to permit the same for the use of the army, and the power of the president to permit the introduction of distilled spirits, but not wine, for any purpose.

The errors assigned on the record are (1) That the act of 1884 is void, (a) for want of power in congress to pass it, and (b) because it does not apply to all the territories alike (2) The indictment does not state facts sufficient to constitute a crime, (a) because it does not show that the alleged sale was not within the exception in the statute, allowing intoxicating liquor to be sold for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes, and (b) it does not state the name of the purchaser or allege that the same was to the grand jury unknown.

The national constitution confers on the United States, absolutely, the power to make war and to make treaties (Art I, § 8, Art II, § 2 Art VI, § 1), and this necessarily implies the power to acquire territory either by conquest or treaty Am Ins Co v Canter, 1 Pet. 542 Scott v Sandford, 19 How, 393 2 Story Con., 1324

The power of congress to legislate for a territory of the United States results necessarily from the grant to acquire the same

The power to change the number and limits of the United States, by the admission of new states into the Union, is also expressly given to congress Art IV, § In the construction of this power, it has been practically held, to authorize the acquisition of territory not then qualified for such admission, and the government of the same by congress, in the meantime, and until it is deemed fitted therefor Scott vs Sandford, 19 How, 441 Story Con., § 1321

In the exercise of this power, however, congress cannot do or authorize any act or pass any law forbidden by the constitution—as suspending the writ of habeas corpus in time of peace, passing a bill of attainder or ex post facto law (Art I § 9) quartering a soldier in a house without the consent of the owner in time of peace making a law respecting an establishment of religion (1 and III Amend.), and others But it may exercise any legislative power not expressly forbidden to it by the constitution and to this, there may be a further limit, that the same shall not be inconsistent with the general spirit and genius of that instrument, nor contrary to the purpose for which territory may be acquired

Subject to these limitations, the manner in which this power shall be exercised rests in the discretion of congress It may legislate for the territory directly and in detail It may confide the government of the same, with or without special limitation, to a council or commission of its own selection, or it may provide what is known as a territorial government, in which the ordinary powers of legislation shall be confided to an assembly chosen by the residents or some portion or class of them

From these premises the right of congress to pass a law forbidding the importation, manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor in Alaska, follows as a necessary conclusion. The question is too plain for argument. The passage of such an act is not expressly forbidden by the constitution. The matter of such prohibition is a rightful subject of legislation—that is, it belongs to the domain of legislation The territorial state is one of pupilage at best and may include the mere child as well as the adolescent youth In the government of a territory congress may and should take into consideration the situation the same and particularly the number, character and condition of the population

Alaska is an extensive, remote and unsettled district The great bulk of the population are natives They belong, socially and intellectually, to the class of people from whom it has always been the policy of the government to exclude intoxicating liquors

It is something of a problem whether the settled population will ever include any number of people, except these natives and their descendants

But be this as it may and even supposing that the population of the district was not Indian, but white congress in its discretion would have the same right to forbid the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors therein During its minority the (district), in this as well as in other respects, is very properly in congress and leading strings As Chief Justice Marshall said in Am Ins Co v Canter (1 Pet. 546) in legislation for them (the territories) congress exercises the combined powers of the general and of a state government.

It also follows from these premises, that congress may legislate for each and any of the territories, specially and according to what may be deemed its peculiar needs and that therefore the act of 1884 is not invalid, because it only applies to the district of Alaska

The particular question was made on the argument as to the general effect of the act But it covers the whole ground, the most reasonable conclusion as to it all supposed is, that it was intended to cover the subject of intoxicating liquors in Alaska.

The importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is therefore positively forbidden in Alaska under a penalty of a fine of not more than $500 and six months imprisonment except for medicinal mechanical and scientific purposes, according which is for the president is authorized to make the proper regulations

Is the indictment bad because it does not negative the exception in the statute and allege that the sale in question was not for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes? It is commonly said that if the exception is contained in the enacting clause of the statute, the indictment must show that the accused is not within it but if it is found in a subsequent clause of statute then it is a matter of defense, to be shown by the accused Bish C P, § 635 Whar Crim P & P, 210, 651 U S v Cook, 7 Wall, 173 Commonwealth v Hart, 11 Cush, 130 The enacting clause in a statute is the one that follows the words "Be it enacted," etc But what is a "clause" of a statute in the sense of the rule is not so easily defined Bish C P § 634 Strictly speaking, I think the exception in this act is within the enacting clause—the clause prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the district of Alaska. But the rule is materially modified in U S v Cook, supra, wherein it is said, that the exception is in the enacting clause and is also "so incorporated with the language defining the offense, that the ingredients of the offense cannot be accurately and clearly described if the exception is omitted," then, but not otherwise, the indictment must allege enough to show that the accused is not within the exception

There are cases which decide that an exception like this should be negatived in the indictment. But in my judgment they are more distinguished for verbal dialectics than good sense, and are better calculated to puzzle and pervert, than to promote the administration of justice

As a rule an exception in a statute, by which certain particulars are withdrawn from or excepted out of the operation of the enacting clause thereof, defining a crime concerning a class or species, constitutes no part of the definition of such crime, whether placed close to or remote from such enacting clause And whenever a person accused of the commission of such a crime, claims to be within such exception, it is more logical and convenient that he should aver and prove the fact, than that the prosecutor should anticipate such defense and deny it.

The act constituting the offense in this case, is the sale of intoxicating liquors in Alaska This can be, and is, stated distinctly without any reference to the exception. No mere act of self is excepted from the general prohibition of the act, but only a selling for a particular purpose Now this is a matter peculiarly within the knowledge of the accused, and one which he may, if there is any dispute about it, be justly required to show as a defense

And this is in harmony with the reason of the rule, that an exception which is a part of the enacting clause must be negatived in the indictment, but otherwise not as found in Whar, Crim P & P, § 241 In speaking of it he says, that although sometimes called "proviso" or "artificial" in point of fact it serves to symbolize a general point of discrimination which is thus Does the statute create a general offense or one limited to particular persons or conditions" In the first case the exception need not be negatived, and in the latter it must be For instance a statute prohibits, first, all sales of alcohol, and then excepts from the prohibition, sales for medicinal purposes Here the evident purpose of the statute is to prohibit the sale of alcohol generally and the permitted exception need not be negatived in an item charging a violation thereof

On the contrary, where a statute prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor without a license or by any one except a person duly licensed there for, it is manifest that the statute was not passed for the purpose of preventing the sale of such liquor generally, but only under particular conditions or circumstances, namely, without a license And therefore an indictment charging a person with a violation of the statute must allege that the sale was made without a license

In my judgment the indictment is sufficient in this particular The purpose of the statute is to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the district of Alaska, generally, and the exception in favor of sales for particular purposes, need not be noticed in an indictment for its violation

As to the last assignment of error—the failure to name the vendee of the liquor in the indictment—the authorities are not agreed on the question. Bish Sta Crimes, 1075 2 Whar C L, § 1516 The last author says that the prevalent opinion is, that in an indictment for selling spirituous liquors in small measure contrary to law the name of the vendor need not be mentioned. But both authors incline to the opinion that, on principle, the name ought to be given, if known, and if not known that fact ought to be averred, as an excuse for the omission and, in my judgment, such is the better practice But I do not think this omission is a matter that can be alleged here as error

The same can only be required for the more convenient identification of the transaction It is not a necessary ingredient of the offense, particularly where it is prohibition to sell in general, irrespective of persons If it was a case of prohibition to sell to a particular person or class of persons, as a woman or minors, there would be more reason for holding that the name of the person to whom the sale was made is a necessary part of the statement of the offense

It should also be remembered that by § 7 of the act of 1884 (23 Stat, 25), the Oregon code of criminal procedure is in force in the district of Alaska, except where congress has otherwise provided, and that the proceedings in this case were had thereunder By § 80 thereof it is declared that "the indictment is sufficient if it can be understood therefrom" (1) that the act charged as a crime "is clearly and distinctly set forth, in ordinary and concise language in such a manner as to enable a person of common understanding to know what is intended" and (2) that such act "is stated with such a degree of certainty as to enable the court to pronounce judgment upon a conviction according to the right of the case"

The judgment of the district court is affirmed. Mr G G Gormon for the plaintiff in error Mr Lewis I McArthur for the United States

The Monologue Drew

Chicago Herald

Frank Lincoln gave his monologue entertainment in a town in Southern Illinois the other night The hall was well filled but the people did not seem very much amused at the humorist's funny work After the show a man with Lara Kendall whiskers stole into Lincoln's dressing room and poured a hatful of coin into the humorist's hands

"Well, how did the show come off?" asked Lincoln, trying to shake off his chill

"I ain't" blurted the committeeman drenching the floor with tobacco juice "Purty fair show"

"How did you like it?

"Oh, toler'ble"

"Then you have seen better

"Sort 'o disappointed you didn't bring it along We was all a lookin for it Did you forgit it"

"I forget what?"

"Why, that are thing you call the monologue The feller who came here nigh onto fifteen year ago chaw'd 'em in a cage, an' it caught on like — Have you got yourn at the hotel"

When Lincoln went to the depot the next day he saw that the dead walls bore these posters "Frank Lincoln will present his monologue at — hall to-night. Come and see it" This explained the coolness of the audience the night before. They were waiting for the monologue

No lengthy advertisement is necessary to bolster up Dr Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, March 16

Circulation checks cattle cars

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BUILDING [illegible]

Baker [illegible]

The carpenters [illegible] and within a [illegible] operations of [illegible] ing statement [illegible] to subscribe, [illegible]

James P. Ful[illegible] which will cost $10,000.

The I. O. O. F. will [illegible] tion of a temple, a two-story [illegible] estimated to cost $30,000.

McCord Bros., two-story brick, [illegible] cost $7000.

Weller & Henry, a brick, [illegible]

Joseph Lachner, two-story [illegible] $12,000.

Mrs. Boreman, one-story brick, [illegible]

James P. Faull, two buildings, [illegible] 50x100, $4000.

James P. Faull, elegant residence [illegible] pleted, $12,000.

Julius Lachs, two-story stone [illegible] under way, to be fire-proof, cost [illegible] of Iron, $8000.

Phil. Bishop, a large two-story [illegible] completed, $6000.

P. A. Mann, two-story stone [illegible] under way, $4500.

P. A. Mann, two-story stone [illegible]

F. M. Alfred, two-story [illegible]

Many new residences averaging [illegible] $2000 to $3000 are now in course [illegible] and proposed.

Several owners of Main street [illegible] fronting on brick and stone buildings [illegible] very probable that they will build [illegible] future.

The spring and coming season [illegible] one of the busiest that Dalles [illegible] perienced in the way of building [illegible] ments.

A MEDICINE, NOT A DRINK

High Authority.

Hop Bitters is not, in any [illegible] alcoholic beverage or liquor and [illegible] be sold, for use, except to [illegible] of obtaining medicinal bitters.

GREEN B. RAUM,
U. S. Com'r Internal [illegible]

Washington, D.C., Sept. [illegible]

Dear Sir:—Why don't you get [illegible] from Col. W. H. W[illegible] how he cured himself of drunkenness [illegible] help of Hop Bitters. His [illegible] case. He is well known in [illegible] Y., by all the drinking people [illegible] known in this city, Cincinnati, [illegible] New York; in fact all over the country [illegible] he has spent thousands of dollars [illegible] I honestly believe his card would be worth [illegible] thousands of dollars to you in this city [illegible] Baltimore alone, and make [illegible] sober men by inducing the use of [illegible]

Prejudice Kills.

"Eleven years our daughter suffered [illegible] of misery under the care of [illegible] the best physicians, who gave her [illegible] various names but no relief, and now restored to us in good health by Hop Bitters that we had pooh[illegible] at two years [illegible] using it. We earnestly hope and pray [illegible] no one else will let their sick suffer as [illegible] did, on account of prejudice against [illegible] a medicine as Hop Bitters."—*Rural Times, Middleburgh, N. Y.*

--Good Templars.

Milton, Del., Feb. 10, 1886.

Having used Hop Bitters, the [illegible] edy for debility, nervousness, [illegible] etc., I have no hesitation in saying [illegible] indeed an excellent medicine and [illegible] mend it to any one as a truly [illegible] Respectfully,

REV. MRS. J. H. ELLIOTT.

Scipio, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1886.

I am the pastor of the Baptist church [illegible] and an educated physician. I [illegible] practice, but am my sole family [illegible] and advise in chronic cases. Over a [illegible] ago I recommended your Hop Bitters [illegible] invalid wife, who has been under [illegible] treatment of Albany's best physicians [illegible] several years. She has been greatly [illegible] and still uses the medicine. I believe [illegible] will become thoroughly cured of [illegible] complicated diseases by their use. We [illegible] recommend them to our friends, many [illegible] whom have also been cured of their [illegible] ailments by them.

REV. E. R. WARNER.

Cured of Drinking.

"A young friend of mine was [illegible] insatiable thirst for liquor that [illegible] trated his system that he was [illegible] any business. He was entirely cured [illegible] use of Hop Bitters. It alleyed [illegible] ing thirst; took away the [illegible] liquor; made his nerves steady; and [illegible] remained a steady and sober man [illegible] than two years, and has no desire [illegible] to his cups, and I know of a [illegible] others that have been cured of [illegible] it."—From a leading R. R. [illegible] cago, Ill.

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1887. CALENDAR. 1887

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PRETTIEST, CUTEST, TASTIEST

CALENDAR

—FOR THE—

PARLOR, BEDROOM OR OFFICE

Can be had by purchasing [illegible]

Dr. C. McLANE'S

CELEBRATED

LIVER PILLS.

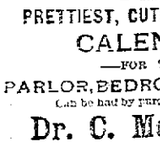
Price 25 Cents.

For sale by all Druggists.

Mail us the wrapper [illegible] with 2 cents in stamps [illegible] package of Pills. Write [illegible]

FLEMING BROS., Pittsburg, Pa.

Send this Advertisement with [illegible]



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PILLS

THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY.

For Liver, Skin, Blood and Stomach Disorders. [illegible] Agents—LANGLEY & MICHELS, San Francisco.

DEAFNESS [illegible]

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!

Slab wood [illegible] will [illegible] to any part [illegible]

MANHOOD RESTORED! VIGOR, [illegible]

Address the City Medical Agency, 174 [illegible]

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, March 16.

[illegible] receipts include car earthen ware, 650 [illegible] 334 cases, 200 bxs glass, car stoves, [illegible] cars bagging, 2 cars harvesting machinery, [illegible] 50 cs rubber goods, 27 cs [illegible] 4 bls 9 bls leather, 7 cs dry goods, [illegible] 2 bls, 1 cs hosiery, 2 cs millinery, 3 cs

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Ordinance Passed Permitting Shade Trees to be Mutilated.

Resolution to Repeal the Drummers' License—Appropriation for Improving the Park—Two Claims for Damages Presented.

A regular meeting of the common council was held last night, Mayor Gates in the chair, every member present, Auditor and Clerk Woods, Deputy Auditor Matthews and Capt. W. H. Andrus in attendance. Below is a summary of the proceedings

PETITIONS, ETC

From J. Flostson, calling attention to the want of proper facilities for carrying off the water at the foot of Lincoln street, referred to committee on streets.

From Bays & Jeffery, asking an extension of time to complete improvement of North Seventh street, granted

From Amanda Reed and others, asking for change of grade of North Twenty first street, from T to Guild's D. L. C., referred to committee on streets and public property.

From E. J. Jeffery and others, asking for the improvement of B street, from North Fifteenth to the east line of the City park, by macadamizing roadway full width, laying sidewalks, crosswalks and box gutters, referred to committee on streets and public property

From Charles Erricson, asking the council to remove a shanty in N street, so he can improve the street, referred to superintendent of streets.

From Mrs. W. P. Vendee, asking for $200 damages caused by a washout at Fifth and Jackson, referred to committee on judiciary

From Frank M. Cohn & Co., asking $195 50 for damages to $300 cigars which were ruined in the basement of their cigar store, corner First and Morrison, by the bursting of a sewer and the cellar thereby becoming flooded This was March 4, 1887, after the deputy superintendent of streets had been notified of the danger and after he had promised to repair the sewer referred to committee on judiciary and superintendent of streets.

From Waterford & Co., asking the city to buy their sweeping machine referred to the committee on streets and public property

From J. Bristol and others, asking for a street lamp at Thirteenth and P same reference.

Petitions from R. H. Thompson, Blumauer & Co., A. E. Raleigh, A. S. Frank, administrator, S. G. Reed, John Sax, Mary E. Higgins and L. B. Magoon for correction in assessments were referred to the committee on ways and means

REPORTS.

From the committee on judiciary, that the petition for the improvement of Hamhill street from Fourth to Ninth be referred back to petitioners for correction, so as to except the postoffice block referred back to the committee

From the same committee, recommending that the petition of S. W. Man for damages be indefinitely postponed, adopted.

From the committee on ways and means, recommending that the petition of B. O. Severance for correction of error in assessment be granted, adopted

From the committee on streets and public property, reporting favorably on the petition for change of grade at South First and Curry streets, adopted.

From the same committee, reporting favorably on the proposed ordinance for constructing a sewer in Market street from Eleventh to Twelfth, adopted.

From the same committee, reporting favorably on the petition to establish the grade of Douglas street adopted.

From the same committee, recommending that the contract for a sewer in Sixth street, from Lincoln to the Harrison street sewer, be awarded to James Fraley, adopted

From the same committee, recommending the a warrant for $100 be drawn in favor of the Oregon Pottery company, to correct error in Harrison street sewer, adopted.

From the same committee, recommending that the petition of McKean & Campbell to erect a platform at Second ave. Main be granted adopted.

From the same committee, reporting favorably on the petition to improve South Water street from Meaden's Willamette, adopted

From the same committee, recommending that contracts for blocks 48 and 49 on Williams street be awarded to Jasper Ward, and 41 and 40 to P. G. Baker, adopted.

From the same committee, recommending that contracts for Corbett street be let to the same parties, adopted

From the superintendent of streets, on the condition of the streets, with various pertinent suggestions referred to the judiciary committee [The report is published in full elsewhere.]

BILLS ORDERED PAID

Walker & Thayer	$ 3 00
R. Findley	50
Oregon Improvement Co	15 00
R. H. Schwab & Bro.	20 25
OREGONIAN	15 00
H. L. Polk & Co	16 00
W. S. M. L. & M. Co	1 50
Bennett & Harvey	23 25
A. J. Spicer	42 43
News	36 90
Hibbard Bros	4 50
Fox See	2 00

PERMITTING SHADE TREES TO BE CUT AND TRIMMED

The following ordinance was introduced and read a second time

An ordinance authorizing and empowering the United States Electric Lighting and Power company, of Portland or its successor or assigns, to trim shade trees and ornamental trees in the city of Portland. The city of Portland does ordain as follows

Sec 1 The U S Electric L & P Co incorporated and organized under the laws of the state of Oregon, and having its principal office in the city of Portland, are hereby authorized to cut and trim any and all shade trees and ornamental trees in any way or manner interfering with obstructing or touching, or in any manner any wire or pole or any appliances or apparatus used in connection with or as a part of the electric light works or the electric system or systems (as they now are or may be hereafter constituted) belonging to or under the control of said company *provided however* that no such shade tree or ornamental tree shall be so cut or trimmed to a point below twenty five feet above the level of the street adjacent to such tree *excepting, however* such of said trees and parts of thereof or limbs thereof as shall in any way or manner interfere with the electric light wires connecting an electric light with the adjoining pole of said company The right and privilege herein given and granted shall apply to any and all shade trees and ornamental trees planted in or growing in or overhanging any street or sidewalk of the city of Portland

Sec 2 The cost and expense of cutting and trimming such trees as provided in section 1 of this ordinance shall be borne and paid for by this company

Sec 3. Before said company shall cut or trim any of such trees, as provided in section 1 of this ordinance it shall give or cause to be given written or printed notices to the occupant of the premises in which such trees are growing and in case the premises are unoccupied, then to the owner thereof or his agent. But if such occupant, owner or agent are now in the city of Portland then no notice shall be required or given, and said company requires such owner occupant or agent to cut and trim such trees in manner as prescribed in section 1 hereof within one week after the giving of such notice at the cost and expense of such owner or occupant If such occupant owner or agent fails neglects or refuses to so cut and trim such trees, as required by said notice then said company may cut and trim or cause to be cut and trimmed such trees as provided in section 1 hereof and at the cost and expense of said company, as provided in section 2 hereof

Pfledner moved that it be referred to the committee on judiciary and city attorney

Forbes explained that it was intended to introduce the ordinance at the last meeting. It had been shown to the members of the committee and fully discussed. The committee insisted on the addition of section 5, and this was satisfactory to the company Other members of the council had examined the ordinance closely and were prepared to vote on it. The Electric Light company were anxious to begin stringing wires and to enter on their contract. He moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance pass The motion prevailed by a unanimous vote

ENGROSSED ORDINANCES

Authorizing a warrant for $100 in favor of the Oregon Pottery Co passed

Directing the drawing of a warrant for $761 from the general fund to pay for sewer in West Park street in front of city park blocks 16, 17, 18 and 19 passed

Directing drawing of warrant for $142 for improvement of Clay street in front of city blocks 11 and 12

NEW ORDINANCES.

Providing for the opening of T street, from North Eighteenth to North Twenty third read twice.

Authorizing the expenditure of $200 for clearing dead logs and underbrush in the city park, repairing roads, etc passed.

Making an appropriation of $13,763 out of the fund for the extension of D street from Nineteenth to Twenty-second.

Transferring $4855 from the general fund to the fund for the extension of D street.

Providing time and manner of constructing a sewer in Fifth, from Jackson to the sewer in Harrison read twice.

Providing time and manner of constructing a sewer in Third street, from near Lincoln to Harrison street sewer, read twice.

To amend the ordinance in relation to the manner of letting contracts for street work, by defining the meaning of the word "block" as used in said ordinance, read twice.

Appropriating $241 49 to pay for the improvement of Morrison street in front of the custom house, which the government refused to pay, passed.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Forbes, authorizing the committee on streets and public property to advertise for contracts for a road to the south entrance of the City park according to plans previously referred and report the same to the council, passed

By Forbes, directing the city attorney to prepare an ordinance repealing the tax on commercial travelers

Gerdes thought there would be time enough to repeal the ordinance when the city had official information that such an ordinance was unconstitutional.

Pfledner opposed the resolution on general principles and demanded that the tax be kept up

Gerdes thought there would be no harm in passing the resolution. When the repealing ordinance came up it could be killed.

Forbes thought the tax unjust.

The resolution passed, Pfledner voting no Adjourned.

THE EAST SIDE.

Lecture at Mount Tabor Last Night—Notes and Personal Mention

Rev I. D Driver lectured last night at Mount Tabor in the Methodist church His subject was, "How the Yankee was Made," and in its discussion the speaker took wide scope, tracing through ages the culmination of circumstances that produced the Yankee The address was in fact a rapid history of the races, all bearing upon the subject. No mere synopsis can do justice to the speaker's close reasoning The Mount Tabor people expressed their appreciation of the lecture in the highest terms

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

W R Conner, of The Dalles, has moved to Albina

There was a general demand yesterday for vacant houses

John G Leader, of Paysonville, is in the city, at the Fourth Street hotel.

A pleasant social party is in contemplation in Holladay's addition Saturday night.

The commissioner will not lay the plank on Fourth street until the grade has been established.

Mr E B Dufur, of The Dalles, was in East Portland yesterday He is the son of A. J Dufur

Mrs H M Pierce, of this city, goes to Freeport, W T., to-morrow, where she will lecture on prohibition.

Charles Bartel certainly got the "goose that laid the golden egg" when he purchased the Fifth street franchise

Mr J Needles will start for his old home near St Joseph, Missouri, to-day His family preceded him several days.

It is expected that the new Catholic church to be built near the schoolhouse, Albina, will be ready for occupation by the first Sunday in May

A horse broke through the elevated roadway on L street yesterday, opposite the place where Third intersects L. The horse was considerably bruised

The W C T U meets this afternoon at 2 30 All interested in the work are invited to be present It is expected plans for temperance work from now until November will be adopted.

Mr John M Pittinger has let the contract for a residence to be constructed on the corner of Russell and Davis streets, Albina. It is to be built in the Queen Anne style and will cost $2000

A J Bettles, of Heppner, Morrow county, was in East Portland yesterday He says the sheep has about all disappeared in the vicinity of Heppner, and that stock are getting along finely

A scow yesterday unloaded about 100,000 feet of lumber on the dock at the foot of J street. The lumber was from the Ina Camas saw mill. There is a quantity already on the dock, and more is coming

Sheriff Howard, Morrow county, was in East Portland yesterday at the Central. He was en route to Salem with an insane patient named Si Bennett. He took him up last night, and will probably start for Heppner this afternoon.

Samuel Hughes of Forest Grove, was in the city yesterday. Mr Hughes is the largest man ever seen on the east side As he walked along the elevated roadway it seemed that every time he put his foot down the place was depressed several inches.

A large barge loaded with lumber for the city was towed over from Ina Camas last Saturday. The weight of the lumber proved too much for the floor of the barge and the load crashed through to the bottom Yesterday workmen were engaged clearing out the broken timbers and arranging to replace the same.

CO K AND ITS REGALCITRANT MEMBER.

PORTLAND, March 16

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

My attention has been called to the communication of the committee of ten appointed by K Co to answer my letter of the 12th inst.

In order to give a tone of respectability to their defense, K Co were crafty enough to appoint a committee of sons of prominent residents, believing that the glitter of "Papa's money" would dazzle the judgment of the public. Most of the committee were not, however, members of K Co at the time of my withdrawal, but "came too late for the beer"

The, committee's statement that I took the oath on the 2d day of July, 1886, is a misstatement, as I was on the 28th day of June, up to and inclusive of the 4th day of July, 1886, at Hillsboro, Oregon. No such oath is now on file among the records of K Co or among the records of the regiment, and the committee know it I appeared on the 2d day of November, 1886, before the committee of discipline, and inquired the cause of summons. I told the committee I had withdrawn from the company, and then and there paid to the chairman of said committee all fines, and to the treasurer of the company all dues up to November 1, 1886 Since that time I have not attended drill, or in any way recognized the authority of K Co over me After admitting that I paid all dues up to November 1, they claim that my fines and dues in these three following aggregated $51, my dues in that time amounted to $3, and my fines $48 May I ask these tin soldiers to name the enormous crimes which I have committed, and I have often wondered that so great a criminal should be permitted to run at large upon the public thoroughfares of our city, and that I should be so heavily fined unless it was that ye foamy warriors were easily in need of more beer-money. Their recording angel must be like the dog in the story His master, who kept a tollgate, invented a patent register which marked each passage The dog sat on the touchstone and scratched himself, and before he could be driven off had recorded $670 against his master I am not indebted to K company in the sum of $53 or in any sum of money whatever If the company is in need of money I will assign to it claims I hold against certain members of K company for money borrowed in sums of 10 and 15 cents, aggregating $5 to $6 If this will not satisfy the company I will assign a certain cigar bill against the former captain, now that illustrious lieutenant-colonel commander, which I purchased for less than 4 cents on the dollar

The committee of ten absolutely deny that it was the custom of K company, commanded by the captain, to go to saloons and indulge in riotous conduct, and aver the personnel of the company is above reproach I ask them, and repeat the question to the company, if the officers did not, on the evenings of July 12 and July 13, march the company, uniformed, to the Quelle saloon, and there remain in riotous hilarity until all the beer in the saloon was consumed? And who paid for the beer? And what became of the Kansas lemonade that was delivered in their armory? If their personnel is above reproach, I ask why, about the month of September, 1886, the lieutenant colonel issued an order commanding the members of K company to desist from gambling in their armory?

If their members are so pure and whitewashed, how does it happen that two of them are manufacturing brick for the state of Oregon, with ball and chain around their legs?

But the statement that K company was composed largely of dudes and beer-guzzlers seems to have struck these pasteboard warriors where they reside Caressing their pet canes and stroking their imaginary mustaches, they draw themselves up in line and proudly invite the dear public to note the contrast between their own greatness and the supposed insignificance of their antagonist. The self-nominated flower of the manhood of Portland are too lofty for comparison with a private citizen, and strutting like turkey gobblers in imaginary triumph they promenade the stage till the curtain falls, and the minus $14,000 colonel respectfully approves

U S GRANT MARQUAM.

SUPREME COURT.

SALEM March 16.

C W Sanford respondent, vs. H W Sanford, appellant—Judgment of the court below affirmed. Opinion by Lord C J

Ed Lyons and C P Chamberlain respondents, vs James B Leahy Isaac N Solls Marcia M Solls, his wife William J Leahy and Ella Leahy, his wife, appellants—Appeal from Multnomah county Argued and submitted.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Report from the Superintendent of Streets to the Council

Suggestions Made Concerning Streets, Sewers, the City Park and Other Matters under his Purview

The following report was read a the meeting of the city council last night, and referred to the committee on judiciary

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS }
PORTLAND, March 16 }

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Portland *Gentlemen*—Section 57 of the city charter, among other prescribed duties of the superintendent of streets, requires of that officer that he shall keep himself informed of the condition of all public streets squares parks grounds, highways, bridges sewers and street lamps " and report to the common council from time to time such suggestions and recommendations as to matters connected with his department as he may deem expedient. Under these and similar provisions I consider it my duty to communicate to you upon several matters of public concern

FENDERS NEEDED FOR CULVERTS

During the months of January and February of this year two heavy rainstorms had the effect of flooding a few of the sewers for a few hours and of doing slight damage in other localities but the loss was comparatively slight while it had the effect of practically discovering and calling attention to matters which need re modeling and protection to prevent further and more serious damage Among these the flooding of the streets in the vicinity of Fifth Twentieth and H streets by the water from Johnson's creek together with the more frequent overflow of the gutters streets and property along the entire length of S street caused by rainfall on the low ground and hillside west of North Twenty first street causes serious damage and inconvenience and should be remedied before another winter

Similar experience has demonstrated that all the culverts of large size in the city should be provided with fenders to prevent logs rails stones and other similar materials from being carried by the swollen streams into or against the culverts provided for the passage of such water arresting the escape of the water and rendering liable the washing away of the embankments covering the culverts, and threatening other serious damage In this respect the culvert under D street was blocked last January and the water fast rising above the top of the culvert was only prevented from overflowing the street by the employment of a large force of men employed by the gas company who finally succeeded in removing the obstructions from the upper end of the sewer when the water receded Similar damage was threatened in South Portland and in like manner prevented by Mr Dudley of the management of the old water company The expense of such fenders would be inconsiderable

SUPERINTENDENT CLEANING

The success and general approval of the work of the street cleaning force is not to be questioned and yet it appears to me that many public thoroughfares like Water flood Multnomah and other streets consisting with important roads into the interior should be kept in a equally condition in preference to side streets of little public use Again the plan or practice of scraping up large piles of dirt and leaving them to moulder on and along the principal streets where they create an unsightly appearance in otherwise cleanly located ties, and are, moreover, too frequently washed by rains or carried by traffic on to adjacent cross walks seems to me to be ill advised and objection able. While the main force of street cleaners is doing progressively over the whole city one or more carts should be detailed to keep up the good appearance of streets previously cleaned If there are not enough city horses and carts for this purpose the force should be increased I believe your honorable body has already considered the matter of the removal of sawdust, shavings, splinters yard cleanings and other debris left or thrown into the streets by householders which is a matter needing early and effective attention In regard to the disposal of street cleanings, I believe that it is worse than waste to dump them on the public levee as such filling will have to be re-excavated and removed if that eye-sore of the city front is ever made use of as a site for warehouses and wharves On the other hand every yard of such earth filled under bridges will be that much towards the permanent filling of the ravines or hollows spanned by such bridges. I would therefore recommend that whenever practicable unobjectionable street cleanings be dumped under bridges in the vicinity of the street cleaned. In this manner the smaller bridges will soon be superseded by earth embankments and the longer bridges will be much reduced both in length and expense when it becomes necessary to rebuild them

TRAINS ON FOURTH STREET

Another matter worthy of immediate concern is an amendment to the ordinance granting the O & C Railroad company the right to run cars on Fourth street whereby the management of that road may be effectually compelled to at least regard the provisions of another city ordinance which prohibits the running of any railroad locomotive on any street of the city at a greater speed than six miles per hour In the form ordinance the council reserved the right to regulate the speed of trains engines etc and it should be amended so as to prohibit a greater speed than is permitted by the general ordinance if, indeed it may not be advisable to limit the speed of railroad engines, cars and trains at a much less speed, or require that railroad cars on such an important thorough fare as Fourth street should be moved by horses, and that the moving of engines on that street be restricted to certain hours. Within a few months several narrow escapes from horrible accidents from railroad trains colliding with street cars and other vehicles have called my attention seriously to this subject. The lamentable killing of the young man Homer Low recently, at Fourth and Taylor streets would probably never had occurred had the train been moving at a moderate speed for I have no doubt the train which killed him was making from twelve to twenty miles an hour In fact on one occasion an experienced engineer estimated a train on Fourth street to be moving at the rate of twenty five miles an hour and trains which have been timed were found to make respectively twelve and seventeen miles per hour It will be rather late to remedy this dangerous evil after the killing or terrible mangling of a number of good citizens from such accidents as those above mentioned Similar complaints may also be made in regard to the reckless manner in which cars have been switched and trains made up on North Front street.

THE OLD CEMETERY

Some action should be taken in regard to the city's right to or ownership of the old cemetery tract now in the city limits This tract contains ten acres the south half of it being on the James Terwilliger and the other half on the Elizabeth Thomas donation land claim and was deeded to the city of Portland by James Terwilliger and Philinda Terwilliger, and Thomas Carruthers and Elizabeth Thomas by a recorded deed dated February 26 1855 The former fencing placed around this tract by the city has disappeared, but within a few years that part of the tract which came from Terwilliger has been fenced in by parties who are evidently setting up a claim of ownership adverse to that of the city An eminent attorney, who is also a prominent county official is of the opinion that the bones of old pioneers belong to the city Therefore some action should be taken to have the city s rights established and maintained as the question of the disposal of the human bodies buried therein and which should decently reinterred if the property does not belong to the city is a matter which will shortly need action on the part of the municipal authorities

THE CITY PARK

During the winter just past earth from along the roads on the city park has in a few places ere part of the city has fallen into the driveway in many places, and otherwise the park has suffered no damage Your honorable body has appropriated a liberal sum for the improvement of this public ground and I believe that whatever work is to be done in clearing out the under brush and dead logs and considerably can be advantageously done in this respect at small cost should be done at once The weather and condition of the ground are both the most favorable at this time of the year I would also suggest that the removal of the park keeper s house to a more retired place and the clearing and beautifying of the high knoll now occupied by that and other out buildings would greatly enhance the good appearance and attractions of the park In fact it might be advisable for the city to tear down all the old houses in the park and construct a neat cheap dwelling for the keeper as his present abode is but scanty protection from the weather I have not referred to the need of a road for a southern entrance to the park for we ch a large number of the heaviest taxpayers petitioned last fall and which will be a great convenience to them I am aware that the committee on streets and public property have decided to ask for authority to advertise for proposals to construct such a road.

SAND, GRAVEL AND GRAVEL STREETS

The matter of keeping the streets pavements in good condition after the same have been taken up for laying sewer, water or gas mains, is a problem which is not easily solved in practice Plumbers are generally willing to put up the street in good condition and repair it once or twice but rains will make the new filling settle months after the pavement is relaid, and it is difficult to have such defects repaired by plumbers and contractors who have long since been paid their work. I have thought that a license or fee for taking up street pavements would create a fund with which this work might be done by the street department and in a manner more satisfactory to all parties concerned I am sorry to say that the agents of the water committee are not as prompt in replacing pavements taken up for laying water mains as were the old water company

THE STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

I also feel it my duty to call your attention to the matter of lighting the street lamps the present contract for which will expire on the 8th day of next month leaving a considerable interim before that date and the time when the proposed electric lights will be in operation even if the contract entered into last October with Mr P F Morey and his associates and assigns is legal and binding. I am very strongly of the opinion that if the last contract is valid it should have taken effect from its date as by its provisions it will be in force for two years from the time the electric lights are put in operation which will be some time in next May if not later That is according to the last contract the city will be bound to pay for electric lights for a term of two years beginning about the middle of next May and terminating some two years and seven months hence at the rate of said contract but section 14 of the city charter says in unmistakable terms that the city shall never contract any debtor assume any liability directly or indirectly whatever by means of which it may be called upon or become bound to pay any sum of money at any time beyond the period of two years from the date of such contract or assumption Had the contract gone into effect at its date or provided that it should terminate two years therefrom there would have been no legal objection to it but under its present wording it directly conflicts with the plain letter and spirit of the city charter If the contract did take effect from its date the city has been paying the electric lighting company at the rate of $2000 per year more than the contract price I suppose that no one will undertake to demonstrate by any legal sophistry whatever that the old contract was extended indefinitely beyond its original period of termination by the simple agreement of the contractor to do so I feel his contract at some time previous to the time it would otherwise expire This matter involves the expenditure of nearly $40 000 and should meet with early and close consideration All of which is respectfully submitted

W S CHAPMAN, Supt of Streets

THE IMMIGRATION BOARD

Mr. Ellis G. Hughes Makes a Direct Charge against Secretary Carlisle.

PORTLAND, March 15

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

It is generally understood that the State Board of Immigration is now before the public asking for support. I believe our citizens, as a body, desire to see those immigrants who do come to the state, located to their own and the state's advantage, and that they are willing to contribute the funds necessary to that end. I also believe that they have no desire to maintain at the public expense an institution run entirely in private interests to the disadvantage of the state and immigrant.

By invitation of the board a number of gentlemen, of whom I had the honor to be one, met at its rooms on Saturday last to consider the question of the continuance of its work. The impression appears to prevail that the sentiment of that meeting was in favor of continuing the board. Such is not the case The meeting was in favor of continuing the work, but not the board, but a move to establish a new board was ruled out of order by the presiding officer. As for myself, having at that meeting received, to me, conclusive evidence that the board as at present operated, in its work of locating immigrants, is an immitigated swindle on both the immigrant and the public, I deem it no more than fair to those not present to lay the case before them

It has long been the general talk that the State Board of Immigration was but a private real estate scheme operated by the secretary who for his own private gain was sending immigrants where it would do him the most good, to the decided damage of the state and immigrant

At the meeting on Saturday, some evidence was called for that the board had located immigrants. As such a number of postal cards, purporting to come from immigrants who had located were read to us These were pasted on blank sheets fastened together, with comments by the secretary in the margin opposite each card On inspection of these cards it was perfectly evident of the forty or fifty shown us, or at which we took the liberty of looking, all but some three or four, were, signatures and all, written by the same hand with the same ink. As a matter of fact there was not as much vacation in the penmanship as can be made by any expert penman, though an attempt to vary was evident.

If the board have in fact located immigrants what the necessity for these forgeries? No man forges when he can get the genuine article for the asking. As at present operated the immigrant going to the room s of the board is left to the tender mercies of the secretary If this gentleman will forge postal cards will he not, with gullible immigrants. In fact should not the immigrant rather be warned to keep away from these rooms, on the same principle that he would be warned against any common swindle

I wish it distinctly understood that I make no charge against Mr Corbett or Mr Dodd, on the contrary, Mr Corbett s manner was enough to convince anyone that he knew nothing of the matter, whilst the childlike innocence with which Mr Dodd read these cards to us, the look of guileless triumph with which he handed them out for inspection would have convinced the most sceptical that he believed them genuine. But there is a swindle going on there and so long as these gentlemen s conduct that board they are answerable for it. That they are men beyond reproach only makes the matter worse, their good character only makes it easier for the swindler whom they countenance to work his scheme

These postal cards were examined by others besides myself, and the facts can be substantiated if need be I don't give the names of others for the reason that I have not thought it necessary to ask their permission to do so By giving this space in your paper you will confer a favor on ELLIS G HUGHES

THE OREGON RANGERS.

Formation of a Military Company Forty One Years Ago.

Oregon Spectator, June 11 1846

WILLAMETTE, May 22, 1846

Mr Editor—You have requested to publish the proceedings of a meeting which was held, pursuant to notice, at Mr D Waldo's, for the purpose of organizing a Military Company when, On motion, Mr Kayser was called to the chair, and M Thomas Holt appointed secretary of the meeting

On motion, the following preamble was read and adopted to wit

Whereas the people of Oregon territory are situated remote from, and without the protection of, any government, we, therefore, as members of a free and enlightened community, wishing to preserve the principles and institutions of a free and republican form of government, and being well aware that the body of the people is the only power capable of sustaining such institutions, therefore, we deem it advisable to form ourselves into military bodies, for the purposes of preserving peace and order at home, and preventing aggression from abroad—having this precept before us, that

Eternal vigilance is freedom s price—

Its deadly bane is ignorance and vice

On motion it was resolved that we, as citizens of said territory, in pursuance of this duty, forthwith organize ourselves into a company of mounted riflemen, and pledge ourselves to abide such rules, regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by a majority of the company

On motion, resolved, that this company shall be called "The Oregon Rangers."

On motion, the president proceeded to read a code of by laws for the government of the troop, which were adopted.

After which about forty-five joined the company by subscribing their names to the by laws.

On motion two committees were appointed to nominate candidates for officers of said company The result of the election was as follows, to-wit

For Captain—Charles Bennet.

For 1st Lieut.—A. A. Robinson

For 2d Lieut.—Isaac Hutchins.

For 3d Lieut.—Hiram English

For 1st Serg't.—Thomas Holt.

For 2d Sergt.—Thomas Howell

For 3d Sergt.—S C Morris.

For 4th Sergt.—Wm Herring

For 1st Corporal—P C Keyser

For 2d Corporal—Robert Walker

For 3d Corporal—B Frost

For 4th Corporal—John Howe.

On motion it was resolved that the president and secretary sign the proceedings of this meeting, and forward a copy of them to the editor of the *Oregon Spectator* for publication.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

T. D KEYSER, Pres.

THOMAS HOLT, Sec.

PROHIBITION IN KANSAS

MILWAUKIE OR., March 14

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

I have read many articles in both the DAILY and SUNDAY OREGONIAN aiming to prove that prohibition has proven a failure where it has been tried Will you please insert the inclosed for what it is worth in favor of prohibition" It seems to be fair coming as it does from high official authority It is clipped from the March number of the *National Temperance Advocate* J H LAMBERT

False statements are so frequently made about prohibition in Kansas that we print the following official utterances Gov Martin, September 1886, said

There is not an intelligent observing man in Kansas who does not know that drinking and drunkenness have been enormously diminished in this state during the past five years The loafing place which the saloon afforded with its crowd of hangers on has gone with the saloon In hundreds of Kansas towns, wherein the saloons have been banished, there are thousands of homes where wives and children wear better cloth s and sit down every day to better meals than they had provided for them before the saloons were banished

In January, 188 , in his annual message to the legislature he said

A great reform has certainly been accomplished in Kansas. Intemperance is steadily and surely decreasing In thousands of homes where want and wretched ness and suffering were found are happy guests plenty, happiness and contentm nt now abide Thousands of wives and children are better clothed and fed than they were when the saloons absorbed all the earnings of husbands and fathers The marvelous material growth of the state during the last six years has been accompanied by an equally marvelous moral progress Nothing about the middle of next May and terminating some two years and seven months hence at the date of said contract but section 14 of the city charter says in unmistakable terms that the city shall never contract any debtor assume any liability directly or indirectly whatever by means of which it may be called upon or become bound to pay any sum of money at any time beyond the period of two years from the date of such contract or assumption Had the contract gone into effect at its date or provided that it should terminate two years therefrom there would have been no legal objection to it but under its present wording it directly conflicts with the plain letter and spirit of the city charter If the contract did take effect from its date the city has been paying the electric lighting company at the rate of $2000 per

THE RIVER FRONT.

A Stroll from the Old Pump House to the Bone Yard

Growth of Drainage Facilities—Activity in Many Forms—New Steamboat for Service at the Fisheries, Etc

Any old resident of Portland who may have the time and inclination to take a stroll along the river front, will be forcible impressed with one thing, and that is, the extension of wharf frontage has kept almost even pace with the steady growth of the city

Twenty years ago Portland was little better than a mere provincial village Now it boasts of possessing 40 000 inhabitants, and has as surely a distinctly metropolitan character Two decades ago there were not more than three first class wharves along the water front. Above the foot of A street, there was not a structure worthy the appellation of a dock What Portland has acquired during these years in the way of public buildings, substantial business houses, elegant residences, and handsome cottages may be claimed justly with regard to the wharf extension and improvement. From Jefferson street extending northward to a point near Weidler's mill, there is almost one continuous stretch of wharves Most of them have been constructed in a very substantial manner and did fair to stand for many years to come

This statement does not stand good from the foot of Jefferson street extending southward to the boundary line of the city

Any ling of the pleasant weather, an OREGONIAN reporter took a somewhat protracted stroll yesterday along the river front among his pilgrimage at the old water works and ending it at the Oregon Railway and Navigation company s boneyard, below the city limits

The old reservoir and works which were used for so many years in pumping water from the bottom of the Willamette river and forcing it through a long stretch of mains up into the reservoirs, from which a large proportion of the city supply was obtained, has been abandoned literally to the hoot owl and bats. Not since the completion of the new water works below the White house has the old pumping apparatus been employed It looks decidedly dilapidated and is rapidly lapsing into decay To what future use the city will apply these works if any save that it owns the entire water system is unknown

Just below the abandoned works a very busy scene was presented both at Gov Pennoyer's saw mill and at the extensive box factory which is situated adjacent A large force of men were employed and the whirling and rumbling of machinery and the harsh crashing of saws resounded far and wide, while the air was cloudy with the high volumes of sooty smoke that rolled from the stacks

Below for the distance of several blocks a very chaotic scene was presented to the reportorial vision Huge heaps of lumber are scattered all over the ground for the space of several acres, alternating with piles, slabs, sawdust and laths About the center of the area was the scene of the heavy fire of a year ago which reduced to ashes the large sawmill of Smith Bros Abundant evidences of the fire remain to attest to its former incendiary origin, in the huge flame blackened brick smokestack that rises to the height of seventy or eighty feet The entire space is thickly strewn with debris, and reminds one of a sort of general dumping ground for every kind of wooden refuse In front stretches an immense boom of logs The erection of a block of buildings on the site, and the construction of a wharf fronting the river, would enhance the general aspect of chaos and demoralization as a business thoroughfare. This will no doubt be accomplished in the course of a few years, judging from rapid expansion of permanent improvements in every direction

On the ways at Smith's boat yard was seen the a most completed hull of the new steamer belonging to Mr I M Warren The wood work is nearly finished. In a few days the rattling of the caulkers' hammers will fill the air As soon as the seams are filled the hull will be painted, when the craft will be ready to glide from the ways and take the first plunge into the element which is to be its future home This boat will be used by Mr Warren in connection with his canning establishment at Warrendale, near the Cascades. The dimensions of the new craft are Length, seventy nine feet, beam, fifteen feet She will be a propeller, and gives promise of being a very lively little steamer, of very handsome symmetrical water lines, and of admirable power

The lively propelling duty of Sellwood, whose shrill whistle is familiar to the ear of the traveling public, as she flits to and fro between the landing place at the foot of Washington street, and Sellwood and Oswego, is lying just below the new launch mentioned Her prow is pushed up some distance on the shore, and repairs are in progress on the stem post. These repairs will soon be completed, and her detention will prove only temporary

Next in order comes that old unpicturesque and unromantic craft, the city dredge This boat has proved a costly experiment to the city government, involving the outlay of a large sum of money in the aggregate and resulting in a comparative small return. At present it is playing the role of the "White Elephant." Besides being useless, it is rusting and rotting in listless idleness

Beside the dredge is moored an old ferry boat, lying in ordinary, evidently having passed the period of its active usefulness.

Astern lies a large and handsome boat house, surmounted by a neat cupola, somewhat suggestive in its architectural design of a Moorish mosque Near this boat house are moored the petite launches, Dolly and Clio. Both crafts bear a rakish look and seem to be waiting for a favorable turn of the tide" or, Micawber-like, pausing for "something to turn up."

At Jefferson street ferry landing seemed to be doing a lively business, making regular trips from bank to bank at intervals of about fifteen minutes The water has reached a stage enabling the boat to run on the cable Just below the ferry landing the Rowena is idly moored, evidently without a "steady job"

For two blocks or more below only a few scows are lying, discharging sand and rock Considerable activity was manifested at the dock used by the narrow gauge railroad, and large quantities of freight were being handled

At the wharf below lies the old steamer Vancouver whose days of usefulness are past After many years of hard service the boat has been laid aside, and will probably never make another trip Its fate reminds one of an old cavalry horse, which has so often responded with alacrity to the bugle's blast, being turned adrift on the commons

At the foot of Yamhill street the steamboats Toledo and Salem are moored. The latter boat is tied up for the present, owing to slackness in freights

Work on the bridge at the foot of Morrison street was progressing rapidly, and is hourly witnessed by large crowds of spectators

Between Morrison street and Stark only one steamer—the Calliope—is moored beside the large boat house east of THE OREGONIAN office.

As usual, the Stark street ferry is doing a "land office business," making trips every few minutes and carrying large loads each way.

The extensive wood yard below Stark street seems to be doing a good business, judging from the activity observed among the men and teams An immense barge is having a load discharged at the Coloma dock.

At the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's wharf at the foot of Ash street, the reporter found matters in a very tranquil state. There is not much activity there except on the arrival and departure of the regular transfer steamer connecting with the Eastern trains.

At the street there is a stretch of old, dilapidated, tumble-down wharf. For years the old piles have stood there without flooring or roof, and have become very rotten by long exposure to water and air During the high water seasons of freshish hued, filthy drift have accumulated and lodged among the thick piles Whoever owns the property should tear out the old water logged debris and put up a good substantial wharf

At the foot of C street the British ship Glenavon is lying A few days ago the vessel completed discharging coal at the gas company's wharf, and was then moved up to her present point of mooring She is being stiffened up, and will soon commence to load with grain for Europe

The British ship Glenmore is moored at the Ina Camas company's dock discharging her cargo of coal

The reporter found the O & C railroad ferry not a whit less busy than any of the up-town ferry boats This boat was which up to yesterday noon had carried 40 000 passengers over and back between the east and west side at short intervals of time, carrying each way loaded trucks, drays, wagons, hacks, express vehicles and crowds of pedestrians

Freight was being tumbled in and out of the huge black hull of the ocean steamer Columbia at a very lively rate yesterday, at the company's wharf, and a score or more of drays and trucks found constant employment in hauling the same.

The sooty appearing coal bunkers below the steamship looked rather lonesome, as no vessel was lying alongside discharging

Ainsworth dock presented a bustling scene and contained large quantities of freight, most of which was in transit. In fact, North Front street for miles distance looked full of business. Locomotives were puffing here and there, pushing and pulling loaded or empty cars, and long strings of loaded wagons were constantly passing and repassing Everything seemed instinct with the cool clanging life of business No one could look at such a rattling, bustling picture and imagine the city is dull and that commerce is stagnate

At one of the lower wharves the British ship Pomona is loading with grain and will complete her cargo in a few days

Matters were found very quiet at the wharves below where the Pomona is lying No vessels are lying below on this side of the river

Weidler's mill is at present the theater of much activity A considerable force of men is employed, and lumber is being rapidly turned out

A number of boats are lying at the boneyard north of the mill Among these are the two splendid sidewheel steamers Olympian and Alaskan The former boat is being overhauled for the Alaska line and will soon be in readiness to steam away for Tacoma Nothing whatever has been done by the company with the Alaskan. The steamer remains just as she was when she first reached Portland over two years ago What disposition will be made of the Alaskan is not known at present President Elijah Smith will probably soon arrive here, when some arrangement may be effected looking toward getting rid of this steamer, which, thus far, has proved a sort of nautical incubus on the corporation

Only three deep sea vessels are lying on the east side—the Olive S Southard, B Hannah and Abercorn The Britain is moored at the east side depot wharf, a short distance below the Southard She has nearly completed her cargo of grain for Europe The Abercorn is lying at the Albina flouring mills.

MRS EMMA MOLLOY.

VANCOUVER March 14

TO THE